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of the
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NORTH AMERICA

Geneva College
Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania
June 25-July 1, 1983

CHURCH HEADQUARTERS
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MODERATOR OF SYNOD—1983

The Rev. Paul E. Faris
Lisbon, N.Y.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1983, 7:30 P.M.

The One Hundred Fifty-fourth Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment at College Hill Reformed Presbyterian Church building, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, June 25, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. The retiring Moderator, Pastor Kenneth G. Smith, led in the Worship of God and preached God's Word from I Timothy 6:1-10, 17-19 on the theme, "It's Monday Morning—Why Work." After this he constituted the Court in prayer.

The Roll of Synod was made up and is as follows for all the meetings of Synod:

THE ROLL OF SYNOD

Ruling Elders are indented

Adams, Roy, Eastvale	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Archer, Charles, Deacon Delegate, Pacific Coast	XXXXEXXEXXX
Armagost, Tom, Rimersburg	
Backensto, Bruce, Colorado Springs	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Barclay, Lee, Seattle	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Baumgardner, Jack, Second Indianapolis ...	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Beard, Philip, Lawrence	XXXXXX XXXXXX
Bender, Vernon, Quinter	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Bessell, Roy, Rose Point	
Bittner, Lee P., III, Geneva College	X XXX X X
Blackwood, Roy, Second Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Bishop, James, Columbus	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Carson, David M., Geneva	XX X X X
Carson, Norman M., College Hill	XXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Caskey, Joseph M.	X X X X X
Caskey, R. Wyley	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Chao, Charles, Taiwan	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Coleman, George S.	
Copeland, E. Clark, Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, Stanley, Service Chaplain	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXE
Coon, David, White Lake	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Coon, Philip L.	
Cornell, William, Cambridge	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX X
Dobbs, James, Tusca Area	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Duffield, A. Wayne, Rimersburg	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Edgar, John O.	
Edgar, William J., Broomall	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Elliott, D. Howard	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Faris, Paul E., Lisbon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Felker, Donald, Geneva College	XX XXXXXXXX
Fields, Webster, Lisbon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Finley, Paul, Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Finley, William, Sparta	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Forest, Edward, Orlando	XXXXXXXXXEEEEEEE
Franklin, Godfrey	
Fullerton, Robert, First Beaver Falls	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Gangadean, Surrendra, Phoenix	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Ganz, Richard F., Ottawa	XXXXXXXXXXEXXXX
Gathright, Danny, Fresno	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Good, Ronald V., Washington	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Graham, Ronald, Belle Center	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Harrington, Harold B., Rose Point	XXXXXXX XXXXX
Hemphill, Bruce C., Hays	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hemphill, E. Raymond, Japan	
Hemphill, Robert L., Shawnee	XXXXXXXXXXX EEEE
Hemphill, Robert M., Geneva	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Henning, Robert A., Winchester	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hill, Joseph A., Geneva College	EEEEXX XXXX X

Hill, Kenneth, Deacon Delegate, Pittsburgh Presbytery	X	X
Hindman, J. Edward, Denison	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Hindman, Paul J.		
Hinton, Dean, Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Hoffman, Kenneth, Tusca Area	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Huggins, Gene, Syracuse	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Hughes, James A., Ottawa	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Huston, David, Winchester	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Hutcheson, Thomas M.	XXXXXXXXXXEXXXXX	
Hutcheson, Richard T.		
Jackson, George, Broomall	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Joseph, Ralph E., Superior	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Joseph, Raymond P., West Lafayette	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Kilpatrick, Lester E.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Kincaid, Garland	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXEE	
Keys, Wilbur, Belle Center	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
LaMay, Robert, Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Leach, Charles, Japan		
Lowe, Duncan, State College	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Lynn, Florence, Deacon Delegate, New York Presbytery	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Magill, Keith, Southside Indianapolis	EXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Mann, Robert J., Colorado Springs	XXXX XXXXXXXXX	
Martin, J. Bruce, Hebron	EXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Martin, Melville W.	XXXX X	
Martin, Paul M., Phoenix	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Martin, Philip W.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Masunaga, Toshio, Higashisuma, Japan		
Mathews, R. Paul, Ogemaw	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
McBurney, Kenneth A., Almonte	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
McCracken, D. Raymond, Minneola	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
McCracken, J. Paul, Westminster	XXXXXXXXXXXXEEEE	
McCracken, Paul D.		
McCracken, Robert B., Australia		
McCready, Jack, Westminster	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
McDonald, Paul, Deacon Delegate, Ohio-Illinois Presbytery	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
McElhinney, Paul, Sharon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
McElroy, June		
McElroy, Wilbur J., Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	
McFarland, Glenn, Santa Ana	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
McFarland, M. L., Ogemaw	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	

McFarland, Robert, Director of	
Youth Ministries	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMahan, Steven C., Hebron	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, John M.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, Robert W.,	
Coldenham-Newburgh	
McMillan, Willard G., Geneva College	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Metcalfe, William K., Ridgefield Park	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Milroy, Jerrold S., Shawnee	XXX XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mitchel, Waldo	
Miwa, Nobuo, Kasumigaoka, Japan	
Moberg, Gregory O., Rochester	
Fellowship	XX
Moore, Donald, Bloomington	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
More, Robert, Jr.	
Morton, James, Almonte	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Morrow, Robert W., Sparta	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
O'Neill, Jerry F., Columbus	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Paul, Joseph, Manhattan	XXXXXXE XXXXXXXXX
Peachy, David	
Pennington, James C., Greeley	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXE
Pihl, William, Clarinda	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Piper, Donald, Seattle	XXXXXX XXXXXXXXX
Pockras, Philip, New Castle	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Posvar, Roney, San Diego	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Price, George W., Ridgefield Park	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Price, Thomas A., Jr., Sterling	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Robson, Edward A., Syracuse	XXXXXXXXXXE XXXXXX
Robb, G. M.	
Roby, Edward, Hetherton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Rogers, John, Deacon Delegate,	
Midwest Presbytery	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Rohm, Ralph, First Beaver Falls	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Rowe, Carter R., Syracuse	XXXXXXXXXXE XXXXXX
Russell, John D., North Hills	XX XX XXXXXXXXX
Russell, Robert, Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sanderson, Kenneth, Allegheny	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXX
Schisler, Edmund, Columbus	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Schmidtberger, Robert, Hetherton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Shafer, Philip, Coldenham-Newburgh	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Simons, William, Elkins Park	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Alvin W.	
Smith, Dean R., College Hill	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Smith, Kenneth G., Covenant FellowshipXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Spear, Gene, Japan
 Spear, Wayne R., SeminaryXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Stegall, Ronald H., LawrenceXXXXXX XX XXXX
 Sterrett, Charles, S., SouthfieldXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Sterrett, Samuel B., OakdaleXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Sterrett, William J., Japan
 Stevenson, Raymond, SouthfieldXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Stewart, Bruce C., SeminaryXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Swartz, Walter, OswegoXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Takiura, Shigeru, Keiyaku, Japan
 Templeton, Robert, Covenant Fellowship
 of IndianapolisXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Thompson, Harold F.
 Tweed, John H., North HillsXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Tweed, Robert B., Anchorage
 VanOsdol, Randall, SharonXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 VerHage, Isaac, FresnoXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Vincze, John, New AlexandriaXXXXXXXXXXEEEXX
 Wallace, Jonathan, New CastleXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Watt, Jonathan, ManchesterXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Weilersbacher, Donald, San DiegoXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 White, John H., Geneva College X XXXXXXXXXXXXX
 White, Paul D.
 Wilcox, D. Raymond
 Willson, S. Bruce
 Wilsey, Martin, J., EastvaleXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Wilson, Clarence, Rose Point
 Wilson, J. PaulXXXX
 Wolcott, Lauren, MarionXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Wright, James M., OrlandoXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Wright, J. Renwick, ManchesterXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Wright, Paul R., ShawneeXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Elder delegates without certificates were seated as members of the Court.

Elders, who are not delegates to the Court, were made consultative members and accorded the privileges of the floor for all the meetings of this Synod.

The following were introduced as delegates to the Court for the first time: Donald Moore, ruling elder, Bloomington; Philip Beard, ruling elder, Lawrence; Wilbur J. McElroy, ruling elder, Topeka; Carter

Rowe, teaching elder, Syracuse; Jack McCready, ruling elder, Westminster; John Rogers, deacon delegate, Midwest Presbytery; Roney Posvar, ruling elder, San Diego; David Huston, ruling elder, Winchester; Danny Gathright, ruling elder, Fresno; Jonathan Wallace, ruling elder, New Castle; William Pihl, teaching elder, Clarinda; Charles Archer, deacon delegate, Pacific Coast Presbytery; Robert Schmidberger, teaching elder, Hetherton; Mrs. Florence Lynn, deacon delegate, New York Presbytery; Jack Baumgartner, ruling elder, Second Indianapolis; Kenneth Hoffman, teaching elder, Tusca Area.

The following officers were duly nominated and elected for this meeting of Synod: Paul E. Faris, Moderator; Paul M. Martin, Clerk; Randall Van Osdol, Assistant Clerk.

The Memorial service was held. The deaths of the following teaching elders were noted: Luther B. McFarland, Johannes G. Vos. Memorials are to be read later in the meeting of Synod and will be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The deaths of the following ruling elders were noted: Howard Caskey, Clarinda; John White, Coldenham-Newburgh; Thomas Milton Bowes, Almonte; Roy M. Carson, Greeley; Chester T. Hutcheson, Shawnee; Wilbur A. McElroy, Topeka; William E. Dill, Orlando.

The death of Mrs. Anna Sanderson, wife of Pastor W. J. Sanderson, was noted.

D. Howard Elliott led the Court in a prayer of thanksgiving for God's grace extended to us through the lives of these people.

The Report of the Clerk of Synod was taken up. Items 1-5 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SYNOD

The Clerk of the 1982 Synod respectfully reports that he has carried out the duties assigned to him by the Synod.

The **1982 Minutes of Synod and Yearbook** was edited by the Clerk. Mr. Donald McCrory, Director of Publications and Educational Materials, helped extensively with the proofreading and the printing arrangements. Let me express my thanks to him for this valuable contribution. The typesetting and printing was done by Mercury Press in Pittsburgh.

Letters were sent to all Boards and Committee Chairmen reminding them that Reports for Synod are to be in the hands of the Clerk by April 29th for inclusion in the **Minutes**. The **Docket** for the 1983 Synod has been prepared by the Clerk and will be included in the **Digest**. The **Digest** has been reproduced and mailed out by the office of the Board of Education and Publication.

A Synopsis of Rules of Synod has been included in the **Docket**. I have included in the **Digest** a page number for all reports though some do not

now have a printed report. You may include these when you receive them at Synod. This is to facilitate the organization of the reports. I have tried to set a specific time on the agenda for each report. If you have a report for Synod that has not been assigned a time on the agenda, please let the Clerk know so he can assign a time for it.

The **Docket** for the day may be completed before the time of recess or adjournment. Therefore, to facilitate the completion of business, the Clerk would like to call for unfinished business that may already be assigned a place later on the agenda. Please inform the Clerk if you have a report that is ready and might be handled ahead of the scheduled time.

Recommendations:

1. That the order of business and the hour of meeting stated in the **Docket** be accepted as the agenda for this meeting of Synod.
2. That the parliamentarians for this meeting of Synod be J. Renwick Wright, Bruce C. Stewart, and Kenneth G. Smith.
3. That the precentor for this meeting of Synod be Steven McMahan.
4. That an offering be taken to defray the expenses of Synod Wednesday morning following the reading of the minutes.
5. That the following be referred to the Nominating Committee:
 - A. Committee on Time and Place for the 1985 Meeting of Synod;
 - B. Those to whom letters of remembrance should be sent (1974 **Minutes**, p. 60);
 - C. Those to be elected to fill vacancies on Synod's boards and permanent committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Martin

The Court was adjourned in prayer by the Moderator, Paul E. Faris.

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1983, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 27, 1983 at 8:30 a.m. in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Steven McMahan.

The Roll was called.

The Court was led in the Worship of God by William Pihl. Robert LaMay preached from Romans 15:1-7 on the subject "We are Brothers in Christ."

The following papers were presented to the Court:

83-1 an appeal by Jerry M. Keen from the Park City Congregation of a decision of the Midwest Presbytery was referred to the Judicial Committee.

83-2 from the New York Presbytery asking counsel for appropriate action that should be taken when the government fails to protect human life was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Nominating Committee

Bruce Martin, Chairman
Paul Finley
Jerry O'Neill (2 yrs.)
Samuel Sterrett (2 yrs.)
Lauren Wolcott
Wilbur McElroy

Judicial Committee

Jerrold Milroy
Isaac VerHage
William Pihl
Kenneth McBurney
Philip Beard
Jack McCready

Resolution of Thanks

Glenn McFarland
Philip Shafer

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES

Iowa

Bruce Backensto
Edward Hindman
Robert Templeton

New York

Ronald Graham
Ed Roby
Raymond Joseph

Pacific Coast

Ralph Joseph
George Jackson
David Coon

St. Lawrence

Robert LaMay
Ronald Good
Paul McElhinney

Midwest

Martin Wilsey
Roy Adams
John Vincze

Ohio-Illinois

James Carson
Ron Posvar
Donald Piper

Pittsburgh

John McMillan
James Pennington
William Finley

Japan

Carter Rowe
Jonathan Watt
Raymond Stevenson

The Judicial Commission appointed by the 1982 Synod distributed reports. The following procedural recommendations were adopted:

1. That the Minutes of the Judicial Commission be referred to the Judicial Committee for review and that the Judicial Committee be prepared to report on this item when the Commission's Report is considered on Wednesday afternoon.
2. That the Commission meet with the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery before the Report is presented to the Synod.

3. That the Report of the Commission be heard at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday as scheduled.

The Report of the Stated Clerk was taken up, amended, adopted and is as follows:

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 1982

Last year I reported that an increase of 77 members was the largest increase since 1944. This year the net increase in membership was 111. An increase of 160 by baptism and 101 by profession of faith are encouraging signs and we thank God for what we see happening.

Listed below are the statistics reported to the Stated Clerk for 1982 with 1981 information for comparison purposes.

MEMBERSHIP

	12/31/81	12/31/82
Communicant Members	3,919	3,963
Baptized Members	<u>1,203</u>	<u>1,273</u>
Total Membership	5,122	5,236
Increases		
By baptism	133	160
By profession of faith	135	101
From other R.P. congregations	147	132
From other denominations	75	60
Other	<u>30</u>	<u>35</u>
Total Increase	520	488
Decreases		
Deaths	50	46
To other R.P. Congregations	153	119
To other denominations	97	71
Final Removal		77
Other	<u>143</u>	<u>61</u>
Total Decrease	443	374

56 Baptized children made a public profession of their faith.

CONGREGATIONS

Congregations	70	70
Mission Stations	4	6
Men under care of presbyteries	24	17
Licensed to preach	6	8
Elders	282	283
Deacons	257	278
Missionaries	8	10
Sabbath School Aver. Attend.	2,716	2,864
Sabbath Worship Aver. Attend.	3,702	4,083
Enrolled Young People's Society Members	164	213

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES

	12/31/81	12/31/82
Beginning Balances	\$ 405,173	\$ 398,615
Receipts:	2,762,468	2,807,406
Disbursements:		
Pastors Salaries & Other Compensation	974,564	1,181,575
Synod's Budget	224,925	216,287
Other R.P. Works	212,204	261,000
Other	1,357,333	1,080,900
Total Disbursements	2,769,026	2,739,762
Ending Balances	\$ 398,615	\$ 466,259
Congregations Organized		
Covenant Fellowship of Indianapolis		5/21/82
Mission Stations Organized		
Chicago		6/12/82
Manhattan R.P. Fellowship		9/11/82
Congregations Disorganized		
Chicago		6/12/82

MINISTERS

	1981	1982	Pastors	Other Church Work	Retired	Other
Presbytery						
Iowa	3	4	3			1
Midwest	30	30	16	2	5	7
New York	8	6	6			
Ohio-Illinois	22	21	11		2	8
Pacific Coast	8	9	7	1	1	
Pittsburgh	31	34	9	13	10	2
St. Lawrence	9	11	7	2	1	1
Japan	3	3	3			
Totals	114	118	62	18	19	19

Ordained & Installed

Paul W. Finley	Walton, NY	04/28/82
Jonathan M. Watt	Manchester, PA	06/04/82
Carter R. Rowe	Syracuse, NY	09/24/82
Robert Schmidtberger	Hetherton, MI	10/28/82
William H. Pihl	Clarinda, IA	11/08/82
Kenneth Hoffman	Tusca Area, PA	11/19/82

Installed

Isaac VerHage	Fresno, CA	02/19/82
Philip Pockras	New Castle, PA	11/05/82
Ronald V. Good	Washington, IA	11/21/82

Released from Pastoral Charges

Isaac VerHage	Hetherton, MI	01/31/82
Ronald W. Nickerson	Washington, IA	04/03/82
Philip Pockras	Rose Point/New Castle	08/04/82
David Peachy	W. Lafayette, IN	08/26/82
Joseph Paul	Broomall, PA	09/11/82
Stanley Copeland	Bloomington, IN	09/25/82
Ronald V. Good	New Alexandria, PA	10/31/82
Melville W. Martin	Allegheny, PA	12/31/82
Robert McFarland	Quinter, KS	12/31/82
Robert Rice	Rochester, NY	

Ministers Removed by Death

C. Ted Grayson	03/11/82
Luther B. McFarland	11/01/82

Ministers Suspended

Ronald W. Nickerson	04/03/82
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Ruling Elders Removed by Death

Clarence Wilson	Sterling (Stafford)	04/16/82
Charles M. Lee	College Hill	05/15/82
Roy M. Carson	Greeley	06/18/82
Howard Caskey	Clarinda	10/20/82
John White	Coldenham-Newburgh	11/15/82

Licentiates

William Blackwood	William Roberts
Byron Curtis	Timothy Russell
Clifford Glovier	Frank Schutz
Daniel Kepple	James McMahon

ADDENDA

Johannes G. Vos died	06/08/83
William E. Dill died	06/23/83
Chester T. Hutcheson died	04/03/83
Wilbur A. McElroy died	04/19/83
Thomas Milton Bowes died	03/23/83
William Garrett died	06/25/83
John Tweed released from Geneva	04/04/83
Harold Harrington installed at Rose Point	02/04/83
John Tweed installed at North Hills	05/04/83

Respectfully submitted,
 Louis D. Hutmire
 Stated Clerk

The Court gave thanks in prayer by Roy Blackwood for the growth reflected in the Report of the Stated Clerk.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Items 2-4 were referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

1982 REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America held three regular meetings and one special meeting since the last meeting of Synod. The special meeting was a conference call meeting held on June 28, 1982 to elect a new president as our previous president went off the Board and a president was needed to be able to process legal papers and banking transactions. From this experience, the Trustees revised their by-laws so that the vice president has authority to carry out similar duties. The current members are J. Donald Birdsall, John T. Duke, John P. Edgar, Louis D. Hut mire, Joseph Lamont, Jr., Stewart M. Lee, Donald H. McBurney, Ronald H. Stegall, and R. Alan Windham. Three men, Stewart M. Lee, Donald H. McBurney and R. Alan Windham will be going off the Board this year due to Synod's two-term rule. Stewart Lee has served on the Board for nineteen years. He has served as president and several years as chairman of the Investment Committee. Donald McBurney and Alan Windham have served for two terms and both were serving on the Stewardship Committee so the Board will need a new committee to promote the financial needs of the denomination. We thank these men for their services and trust the Lord to give us new qualified members to carry on in their places.

We continue using Paine Webber Jackson & Curtis as our investment broker and advisor. The Trustees receive quarterly reports from Paine Webber's Managed Accounts Department in New York City and receive recommendations to buy and/or sell for the Investment Committee to consider.

All dividends and interest on investments in 1982 were distributed. The amount paid was a little less than that paid in 1981 (30.294 cents in 1981 and 30.005 cents in 1982). However, the value of a share in the Pooled Investments increased from \$4.6518 per share to \$5.5673 which is about a 20% increase in the market value.

Last year we reported our Guidelines for Investments. Under these Guidelines, we have revised our loan to Trinity Christian School, renegotiated our loan with the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS) and loaned money to Mercury Press to purchase new computerized typesetting equipment which will be used in printing the Covenanter Witness, Psalter, Minutes of Synod, etc.

The Building Loan Committee issued new mortgages to Southside Indianapolis Congregation, \$15,000; Ogemaw Congregation, \$30,000 and Ronald Good, \$3,000 in 1982, thus ending the year with \$289,254 in mortgages receivable. The Committee currently has applications from the White Lake Camp and the Phoenix Congregation and applications for the Columbus and Syracuse Congregations will probably be received before Synod.

The selling of church properties of disorganized congregations is also the responsibility of the Trustees of Synod. The Morning Sun Church Property was sold in 1982 with the net proceeds being distributed to the Woman's Association and Synod's Building Loan Fund. The Easton Church Property was sold in early 1983 and the net loss of about \$5,800 was charged to the Building Loan Fund. A sales contract has been signed for the Lake Reno Church Property and Parsonage for \$30,000. This will leave only one property, the Hot Springs, New Mexico Church Property, for sale.

The Trustees of Synod met on April 15, 1983 with representatives of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery regarding the handling of the funds of the Chicago Mission Station. The funds are now in accounts in the name of the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and are to be administered by the Presbytery for the Chicago Mission Station. It is the hope of the Presbytery and the Mission Station to rebuild the work there and reorganize the congregation.

The Stewardship Committee continues to promote the needs of the denomination. New bulletin board posters have been mailed to each congregation, bulletin covers are available and will be distributed at Synod, and direct mailings will be made. However, the Committee is limited as to what they can do. Most of the work must be done at the grass root level by congregations. The amounts of contributions raised for the last three years have been \$257,743, \$260,650 and \$256,499 while the amounts budgeted have been \$275,000, \$275,000 and \$300,000 and the amount granted for 1983 is \$335,000. Contributions must increase if the work of the denomination is to grow. We encourage congregations to reconsider their 1983 budgeted contribution to the denominational work. The contributions received for 1982 and 1981 for comparison purposes are:

	1981	1982
Beginning Balance	\$(24,802)	\$(14,351)
From Undes. Fds. Synod	24,801	14,351
Contributions:		
Iowa Presbytery	7,837	6,034
Midwest Presbytery	67,683	65,172
New York Presbytery	14,179	22,186
Ohio-Illinois Presbytery	41,281	40,952
Pacific Coast Presbytery	20,864	15,691

	1981	1982
Pittsburgh Presbytery	\$ 59,736	\$ 55,862
St. Lawrence Presbytery	11,923	13,119
Total Presby. Contrib.	223,503	219,126
Women's Synodical	26,831	28,529
Individuals	10,315	8,844
Total Contributions	260,649	256,499
Distributed	275,000	300,000
Ending Balance	\$(14,251)	\$(43,501)

The financial records of the denomination were audited again this year by Deloitte Haskins & Sells. A copy of the Audit Report will be distributed to each delegate to Synod.

The audited financial statements distributed to Synod do not contain an unqualified or "clean" opinion from our auditors. The opinion is a qualified one based upon the history, condition and operations of the pension plans. We are seriously concerned about this continually appearing qualified opinion and believe that the Synod should be also. These opinions have been qualified for several years. Furthermore, last year the auditors were unable to express any opinion with respect to Plan B. The reasons for this were communicated to the Synod in 1982.

This, however, is only part of the problem the Trustees of Synod have observed in the pension plans. Others include: adoption of a non-qualified pension plan under which **employer** contributions are taxable to the employee in the year in which they are made; speculation in diamonds and rare coins which have an unverifiable value, high transaction cost, difficult security and a dramatic drop in market value; investing at very high commission, advisory and transaction costs mostly in mutual funds; delaying the securing of competent actuarial studies; mistaken overfunding of Plan B by approximately \$30,000 and subsequent ratification of that error; late and inadequate reporting to participants; failure to advise participants and beneficiaries of their options and the tax status of their benefits; and maintenance of a very high cost term life insurance program when such insurance is of questionable necessity and could be purchased for substantially less.

The Trustees of Synod have communicated such concerns to the Pension Trustees. The difficulty of beginning two structured pension programs from a completely unfunded system is considerable and should not be underestimated, and the Pension Trustees should be commended for their efforts to improve the programs. While the operation of the pension program is not the responsibility of this Board, we are involved, however, and feel constrained to point out the problems and commend increased care and effort in bringing our church pension programs into proper operation. Many ministers may not have the time, inclination or expertise to monitor a complex pension plan and operation. We who are commissioned by the church with other financial and related responsibilities regretfully feel the necessity to address this matter to Synod again. It is our deep concern that these funds operate in the best way for the benefit of the ministers, the church and to the glory of God.

Designated bequests received in 1982 were:

Florence B. O'Neill Tibby for Seminary	\$ 48,447.48
Edith Miller for Seminary	1,600.00
William Boyd Duff for Seminary	2,000.00
Margaret Hawthorne for Seminary	500.00

Undesignated funds & bequests:

Balance, 1/1/82	\$ 97,511.53
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Receipts:

Cecil J. S. MacLaughlin	72,498.45
J. M. L. Smith Trust	59,583.74
Ina Jane Plumb Dudley	968.37
Edith Miller	1,600.00
Kitchen Patterson Endow., Inc.	284.95
Miscellaneous	.40

Total Receipts	<u>134,935.91</u>
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Cash Available	<u>232,447.44</u>
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Disbursements:

As per 1981 Synod, p. 130	63,400.00
As per 1982 Synod, p. 97	109,813.35

Total Disbursements	<u>173,213.35</u>
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Balance, 12/31/82	<u>\$ 59,234.09</u>
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Receipts:

Ina Jane Plumb Dudley	\$ 742.72
Cecil J. S. MacLaughlin	10,807.45
C. T. Hutcheson Memorial	1,000.00

Total Receipts	<u>12,550.17</u>
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Balance, April 30, 1983	<u>\$ 71,784.26</u>
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The Trustees of Synod have considered the requests for Undesignated Funds of Synod and recommend the distribution as stated in recommendation #4 of this report.

You will note that the recommendation includes \$15,000 for a computer. The Trustees asked the auditor to do a study on the need of a computer and have considered the ways it could be used. Vendor demonstrations were scheduled for May so more information may be added at Synod. The computer could be used by the Seminary, Seminary Library, Education & Publications Office and the Denominational Office for keeping financial records, word processing and a denominational mailing list.

A mailing list would be particularly helpful for **Covenanter Witness** subscriptions, the Seminary newsletter and for the Stewardship Committee mailings to encourage contributions to Synod's Budget.

The Trustees continue to administer a hospitalization program as directed by Synod. We currently have a Blue Cross/Blue Shield prevailing fee program with up to \$250,000 major medical coverage. Dependents who are full time college students can be covered under their parents policy up to age 23. For further information contact the Treasurer or the Treasurer's Secretary at this Synod or at the Treasurer's Office. Policies for administering this program have been set and information will be sent to each congregation. These policies are stated in an appendix to this report.

The Trustees continue to carry a blanket travel insurance policy which covers anyone traveling on church business for Synod, boards and committees of Synod or Presbyteries and committees of Presbyteries. Contact the Denominational Office for more information.

Recommendations:

1. That since the terms of Stewart M. Lee, Donald H. McBurney and R. Alan Windham expire at this meeting of Synod, we nominate Sandra McElroy Johns, Neal Mann, John Mitchell and Jerry O'Neill.
2. That the Unallocated Denominational Office Budget for 1984 of \$73,600 which includes the Denominational Treasurer's salary of \$25,200, be approved. (Refer to the Treasurer's Report distributed at Synod.)
3. That the 1982 Audit Report as distributed at this meeting of Synod be accepted and printed in the **Minutes of Synod**.
4. That the Undesignated Funds of Synod be distributed as follows:

Geneva College	\$16,000*
Theological Seminary	9,000
Woman's Association	13,000
Synod's Budget—1982 Deficit	43,500
Computer Equipment	15,000
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	\$96,500

*Geneva College request was considered based on their request of last year that 50% of the MacLaughlin Trust go to Geneva College.

Louis D. Hutmire, Secretary

DENOMINATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

Purpose

Refer to 1969 Minutes of Synod, page 125—"That Synod's Board of Trustees be authorized to consider (and to approve, if so decided) a policy of hospitalization and major medical insurance for ministers of the Church and their dependents and that the Board be authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary to secure such insurance coverage, if approved by it."

Coverage

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Western Pennsylvania Standard Agreement, Prevailing Fee, with 365 day coverage is the current program. This also includes \$250,000 major medical coverage with a \$100.00 deductible. Dental coverage is not included.

Eligibility

Ministers of the denomination

Widows of ministers of the denomination

Employees of Synod, working at least 20 hours per week

Employees of Synod's Boards, working at least 20 hours per week

Employees of Congregations, working at least 20 hours per week

Students of the R.P. Theological Seminary

Blue Cross/Blue Shield permits **new employees** to join the group on the first day of the first or second month following the date of their employment.

Other employees can join the group on the anniversary date of the program which is August 1st. Persons already covered by a Blue Cross/Blue Shield program may transfer on the first of any month.

Payment Procedures

We must pay Blue Cross/Blue Shield by the 20th of this month for next month's premiums.

Participants or employers will be invoiced quarterly.

The employer should pay the premium preferably as a fringe benefit or payroll deduct the premium and forward to Synod's Treasurer quarterly or monthly.

Individuals making their own payments are requested to pay monthly by the 20th of the month for that month.

Late Payments

Late notices will be sent around the first of each month.

Policies will be cancelled if the premium is not paid by the 20th of the month following the month for which the premium is due.

Employing congregations should sign a statement agreeing to pay the premium for their employee(s) and be responsible to notify the Denominational Treasurer in writing when it is to be cancelled.

**TRUSTEES OF SYNOD
HOSPITALIZATION PLAN APPLICATION**

Date _____

From _____ Congregation

c/o _____ (Name and Title)

_____ is our employee. Please enroll him/her in your hospitalization program and send the invoices to

_____ for payment. We will notify you in writing if/when we desire the program stopped.

Signature

Note: Blue Cross/Blue Shield application cards must be filled out and signed by the employee.

The Report of the Pension Trustees of Synod was taken up. Item 1 was amended by the Board and adopted. Item 2 was adopted. Items 3 and 4 were referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 5 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 6 was adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted. The Court was led in a prayer of thanksgiving by Willard McMillan. The Report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PENSION TRUSTEES

“Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.” Lev. 19:32

The past year has been a year that the Pension Trustees have begun the daily overseeing of the pension work by its committees. The four (4) committees have taken over most of the work which was performed by the investment consultant and/or the treasurer.

The four (4) committees are:

- Finance Committee
- Insurance Committee
- Investment Committee
- Policy Committee

The Policy Committee consists of the chairmen of the three (3) other committees and the chairman of the Pension Trustees, and among its duties it is to act as the Executive Committee between meetings of the Pension Trustees.

The Pension Trustees continue to meet twice a year (Spring and Fall) at the Shawnee R.P. Church building.

The officers of the Trustees are:

Robert Morrow, Chairman
Dennis Wing, Vice-Chairman
Robert Catloth, Secretary
Lou Hutmire, Treasurer

All correspondence shall be mailed to the Secretary at 717 Mississippi Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

Again, we want to remind the presbyteries (Clerk) of the need to inform the Pension Trustees (Secretary) of action taken by the presbyteries of licensures, ordinations, installations, and changes from active to inactive service.

For contributions to pension Plan B by current employees of the R.P.C.N.A., a uniform contribution rate of \$400 for each participant has been set by the Pension Trustees effective January 1, 1984. This amount is to be forwarded to the treasurer's office quarterly ($4 \times \$100$).

Congregational treasurers are to forward \$10 per communicant member to the treasurer's office each year. This should be done quarterly.

Presently pensions for Plan A (those over 54 years of age as of 1-1-74) are being paid to twenty-six (26) couples and eighteen (18) singles. The couples are receiving \$225 per month and the singles are receiving \$190 per month. In 1981 we paid out \$99,799, and in 1982 we paid out \$109,658. In 1983 we estimate we will pay out \$106,907.

At the October 8, 1982, meeting the Pension Trustees took the following action concerning the Pensions that are being received by former teaching elders:

to those receiving pensions under Plan A, up to 100% of their pension shall be designated as an allowance to maintain their home, which shall include payments on their home, or rent payments on their dwelling place, utilities, furniture and appurtenances thereto, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Page 15 of the **Minutes of Synod**—1979 instructs the Pension Trustees to include Paul Copeland under Plan B. We hereby report that we have complied with the action and we are making investments in his name.

On page 13 of the **Minutes of Synod**—1981 the matter of making loans to retired employees was referred from Synod's Board of Trustees to the Pension Trustees for consideration. At the meeting held on October 8, 1982, the Trustees voted to make such loans and guidelines were to be drawn up. At the meeting held on March 18, 1983, the matter of the guidelines was presented. After a long study a motion was made to rescind the action taken on October 8, 1982.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The matter of funding loans to retired employees of Synod has been considered by the Pension Trustees and that we will not make such loans.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

During the past year since the last meeting of Synod the Pension Trustees have been working with the auditors on how to comply with their findings (see their letter to the Trustees of Synod dated May 24, 1982 and the auditor's report as found on pages 99-119 of the **Minutes of Synod—1982**).

Their main areas of concern were:

1. Taxability of employer contributions
2. Employers contributions
3. Account distributions
4. Appraisal of diamonds and coins
5. Accounting records
6. Actuarial valuations

After communicating with them through letters and phone calls the Pension Trustees hereby report that we have complied or we are implementing procedures that will meet their requirements.

At the Pension Trustees meeting held on March 18, 1983, a motion was approved that the Policy Committee present to the next meeting of Synod the estimated cost of a revised and/or new tax sheltered pension plan to meet the requirements of the auditors and the I.R.S. Code, and to obtain Synod's primary approval of a plan to be written after Synod and to be put into effect as of January 1, 1984.

The Pittsburgh office of Deloitte, Haskins and Sells provided the Pension Trustees with the names of three (3) national companies in the Kansas City area who could provide the service to write a qualified plan.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

That Synod give primary approval of a qualified tax sheltered pension plan.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

That Synod grant the sum of \$13,000 for services in preparing a new tax sheltered pension plan.

The Pension Trustees invest funds in the Franklin Group mutual funds. The following upper limits have been set in the total amount that can be invested in any one fund:

100% of the account in any of:

- Federal money fund
- Money fund
- Income series
- U.S. Government securities series
- or any combination thereof;

75% of the account in any of:

Utilities series
Research equity fund
AGE fund (corporate bond fund)
or any combination thereof;

50% of the account in any of:

DynaTech series
Growth series
or any combination thereof; or

25% of the account in:

Research Capital fund.

The Pension Trustees have instructed the Investment Consultant to sell the diamonds by the 1983 meeting of Synod.

INVESTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENT EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE

YEAR	FRANKLIN GROUP	DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL	STANDARD & POOR'S	T-BILLS
1974	-0-	(23.1%)	(25.9%)	7.7%
1975	2.2%	44.4	36.9	6.8
1976	18.3	22.7	23.8	5.5
1977	1.1	(12.7)	(7.0)	5.7
1978	7.7	2.7	6.5	7.7
1979	23.2	10.5	18.7	9.7
1980	18.7	21.4	31.6	10.8
1981	4.3	(3.5)	(4.6)	13.2
1982	32.9	25.8	19.7	11.1
AVG.	13.9%	9.8%	11.1%	8.7%

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

That Synod grant the sum of \$58,100 to the Pension Trustees in 1984.

TRUSTEES

Currently the Pension Trustees have seven (7) positions. John Smith who has served for seven (7) years is leaving the Trustees. Carl Mathews who has served for three (3) years is also leaving the Trustees.

The five (5) remaining Trustees have the following experience:

R. Morrow—served since 1972

R. Catloth—served since 1972, off one year '80-'81

D. Wing—served 4 years

D. Olson—served 2 years

J. Copeland—served one year.

The Pension Trustees are recommending the following to fill the two (2) positions for the Class of 1986:

Charles Wise—He is a deacon in our Marion R.P. Church, and he is employed in the Trust department of a local bank.

Don Weilersbacher—He is a teaching elder in the San Diego R.P. Church, and he has served two (2) years on the Pension Trustees.

Joe Paul—He is a teaching elder in the new work in Manhattan, Kansas

Since R. Morrow is the only teaching elder serving on the Trustees we are requesting that at least one of the positions be filled by a teaching elder. We also would like to bring to the attention of Synod that each year we ask for persons who are interested in serving as a Trustee, but no one has asked to serve or has been recommended to us. Each year the Pension Trustees take time to ask those who we believe have the expertise to serve as Trustees and nominate those people to Synod. It usually takes 2 years or more before a Trustee understands the working of the Pension Trustees, unless they have some knowledge of pensions.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

That Joe Paul, Don Weilersbacher and Charles Wise be nominated for election to the two (2) positions for a three (3) year term to the Class of 1986.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

That following the adoption of this report, the Synod rise for prayer as Willard McMillan leads us in prayer for those who have served the Church in past years.

In Christ,

Class of 1983

Carl Mathews

John Smith

Class of 1984

Robert Catloth, Secretary

Robert Morrow, Chairman

Dennis Olson

Class of 1985

Joe Copeland

Dennis Wing

The following motion was adopted: That two representatives appointed from each Board (Board of Trustees of Synod and Board of Pension Trustees of Synod) form a committee to resolve the differences between the two Boards as reflected in their reports.

Flowers from the wife and family of the Moderator were presented to him in honor of his election as Moderator of Synod and of his birthday which is today.

The Report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College was taken up. Mr. Robert Baumgartner, secretary of the Board was granted the privileges of the floor for the discussion of the Report. The Report was read. Item 1 was adopted. In keeping with this item Kenneth Smith brought the Report of the Trustees of Geneva College. Item 2 was adopted. In keeping with this item the Court heard from Dr. Felker. Item 3 was referred to the Nominating Committee. The Report as a whole was adopted. By special resolution the address of Dr. Felker is printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. The Report of the Board of Corporators and the Report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College are as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE

June, 1983

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College met on June 25, 1983 at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

We praise the Lord for bringing the College through a very difficult school year. It was a year marked by tension and culminated in the resignation of President Donald Felker. We are confident that God will lead us in finding the next leader He has for Geneva College.

The Board of Corporators wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation for Dr. Felker's leadership the past three years. He has served us with integrity and vision.

Dr. Felker addressed the Board of Corporators concerning a study on "Qualifications for Trustees" and updating the revisions on the Charter and By-Laws of the College.

The following persons were elected to the Board of Trustees—Class of 1986:

Nominated by Board of Trustees—John Snowberger

Nominated by the Alumni Association—Clarence Farmer, John Sawyer

Representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church—Jean Hemphill,

Joe Lamont, William Martin, Robert McCrory, Maribel McKelvy,

Alan Windham, Joe Worsham

The following persons were elected to the Board of Corporators—Class of 1986:

Nominated by the Corporators—Maribel McKelvy, Wayne Spear,

Martin Wilsey, Richard Woods

The officers of the Board of Corporators:

President: Wayne Spear

Vice President: J. Paul McCracken

Secretary: Robert Baumgartner

Treasurer: Doug Carson

The next annual meeting of the Board of Corporators will be held in conjunction with Synod.

Recommendation:

1. That Dr. K. G. Smith be heard on the floor of Synod on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College.
2. That Dr. Donald Felker be heard on behalf of the Geneva College Administration.
3. That Paul Patterson be elected to the Board of Corporators.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Baumgartner, Secretary

REPORT OF THE GENEVA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS—June 1, 1983

In reporting to you this year, we as a Board will do so in terms of two sections. The first of these will represent what comes as standard, yet significant, data and fundamental to the responsible oversight of the College. We believe the Board of Corporators will want to know this material and review the year of work in terms of these achievements.

The second portion of the report will have to do with the overall tone of things on campus. It has been a difficult year in many years, and we want to give you an accurate and concise analysis as it comes to us as your Board of Trustees. This latter portion will include factors relating to Dr. Felker's resignation as President, and the actions of the Board in response. And we prepare this report this way inasmuch as these actions will actually be taken very close to the time when this report is to be submitted to you.

Section I—The Year's Overall Achievements

Regular meetings have been held on October 1, 1982, March 4, 1983 and May 20, 1983. A specially called meeting was held January 7, 1983. The committee structure of the Board has been changed. Standing committees in addition to the Executive Committee and the Endowment-Investment Committee are Academic Affairs Committee, Business Affairs Committee, Religious Services and Church Relations Committee, Student Affairs Committee and Development Committee. This establishes a Board structure comparable to the major administrative departments of the College. The principal officers as well as a faculty representative serve on each of these committees. This new structure is experimental and will be reviewed. Initial work has been begun on a review of the Charter and By-Laws.

A position of Vice-President for Academic Affairs has been established and the Administration has been directed to fill it as soon as possible. The individual proposed for the position will be approved by the full Board. New majors in Latin American Business Studies, Political Science, Music Business and Speech Pathology have been introduced. The major in German has been dropped.

Recipients of the 1982-83 Trustee scholarships were seniors Valerie Arnold, Debra Funkhouser, and John H. Gross, Jr., and junior Kristen Funkhouser. All of these students have an exceptionally good academic record.

First semester Day and Evening School FTE enrollment was 1174; the total for the second semester was 1145. 310 students were graduated at the 1983 Commencement exercises; 299 received bachelor's degrees and 11 received associate degrees.

The current operating budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1982 to May 31, 1983 provides for a total income of \$9,731,866 and expenditures of \$9,730,141, thereby providing an excess of \$1,725. This budget calls for unrestricted gift income of \$299,000. For the first time in the history of Geneva College the total gift income for the fiscal year has exceeded one million dollars. It should be noted that much of this income is restricted and, therefore, cannot be applied toward the operating budget. Mr. Charles O'Data, Vice-President for Development and his staff are to be commended for their energetic work in this area. The gift of \$100,000 from the Earle M. & Margaret Peters Craig Charitable Trust made possible the demolition of all the buildings with the exception of a small corner of the final structure on the Armstrong Cork Works site. Clean-up work on the area is continuing. The upper area of the site has been planted in grass and was used as a practice field for the football team.

The Thomas F. Staley Christian Scholar Lecture Series was conducted by Dr. John Perkins, founder of the Voice of Calvary ministry. Other outstanding speakers have been Dr. Anthony Compolo, Dr. Lynn Buzzard and Dr. James Skillen.

In addition to the annual Genevans tour which this year was a western trip as far as Denver, Colorado, the Geneva College Chamber Singers sang at three sessions of the NAE Convention in Orlando, Florida.

The faculty for the academic year beginning August 30, 1982 consisted of 65 persons; this includes all full-time employees who do any teaching plus the professional librarians. Of this number 56 are full-time teachers, 50% of whom have an earned doctorate.

In January the Board of Trustees adopted the following policy statement: "That our strategy in the years ahead should emphasize improving the quality and efficiency of our academic program and the other elements of the College and that we do so in a financially responsible manner." In keeping with this policy and in light of the current economic conditions, the demographic projections for students in the next ten years, and the fact that we have depleted our reserves to a dangerous level the Board directed that college personnel be reduced by 15% as soon as possible with the expectation of completing the reduction by the end of the 1983-84 academic year. Geneva College is not in serious financial trouble but the reductions were

deemed necessary to keep the college in a strong, financial position in the future. In this whole process it has been emphasized that we are seeking to preserve and enhance the strength of the college.

The Board took note of the deaths of President Emeritus Charles Marston Lee on May 15, 1982 and of Trustee Emeritus Sidney L. Lockley on December 13, 1982.

The 1983 Commencement exercises were held in Metheny Fieldhouse on Saturday, May 14, at which time Mr. Reid Carpenter, President of the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation, was the speaker. The Baccalaureate service was held on Friday evening, May 13, when Dr. Edmund Clowney, President Emeritus of Westminster Seminary brought the message. The commencement activities were changed to Friday and Saturday to make it more convenient for parents and friends of the graduates.

At the 1983 Commencement exercises honorary degrees were conferred upon:

James Donald Birdsall—the Doctor of Humane Letters degree
Reid Carpenter—the Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

The values of the college property and the endowment fund are:

	1983 (Audit of 5/31/82)	1982 (Audit of 6/30/81)
Land	\$ 1,528,726	\$ 1,528,726
Buildings	32,855,964	29,845,546
Equipment and Furnishings	3,492,347	3,315,264
Total Physical Plant	\$37,877,037	\$34,689,536
Market value of endowment	\$ 5,501,221	\$ 5,807,825
Size of campus	(112.208 acres)	(112.208 acres)

The terms of the following trustees expire this year and their successors should be chosen:

Representing the church: Mrs. Willard Hemphill, Robert F. Heimburger, Joseph Lamont, Jr., William O. Martin, Maribel McKelvy, Robert McCrory, Alan Windham

Representing the Alumni: Clarence Farmer, John N. Sawyer

Trustee Nominated: John R. Snowberger

Two vacancies exist in the "Trustee Nominated" category; the term of one expires in 1983, the second in 1985.

Dr. Kenneth G. Smith has been appointed to represent the College before Synod's Finance Committee, and the request to Synod is for \$30,000 and one-half of the year's income from the McLaughlin Trust.

Section II—The Year's Tensions and Outlook

As a Board of Trustees we have been very cognizant of the increasing unrest on the campus during the recent months. We have endeavored to keep the Board of Corporators informed about these things; and in addition the President of the Board in cooperation with the Administration sent a letter of information to the broad constituency comprising our students, faculty, alumni and friends. Some of this unrest to be sure became vocal following the Board's action in January to institute a 15% reduction in staff, which reduction will in fact constitute about a 12% cutback. The Board supports this general direction of bringing staff/student ratios into line with recommended data adopted in 1973; and it is incumbent on us to maintain this balance in the future as much as possible. This becomes a challenge of no mean significance in the light of changing enrollments, changing curricular demands, and changing economics, and in the light of our general liberal arts tradition. Most campuses are feeling many of the same pressures.

In the midst of these pressures the Board was made aware of an increasing tension between the faculty and the President. Perceptions have not concurred as to the fundamental reason for the cleavage, which has not helped in its resolution. At the time the Board was seeking to determine the causes and possible solutions, Dr. Felker concluded that he should submit his resignation and indicated his intentions both to the Board and the campus in general. In order to facilitate the best conclusion to the academic year, the Board awaited its May 19, 20 meeting to receive and to respond to Dr. Felker's resignation as President. After much discussion and prayer Dr. Felker's resignation was accepted effective August 30, 1983. This was done with deep regret but it seemed to be in the best interests of all concerned. Under Dr. Felker's leadership significant cost control budget policies have been instituted with an emphasis on maintaining and up-grading the quality of the academic program. The Board has taken no action to alter the policies adopted in the January 7, 1983 meeting and at this time there has been a net reduction of approximately 10% of the total college personnel.

A Presidential Search Committee composed of five trustees and three faculty members has been appointed. Dr. Joseph McFarland has accepted the chairmanship of this committee, and that committee is now establishing criteria and procedures for securing a new president. Dr. Felker has been requested to continue his services until a new president can assume responsibility or Dr. Felker elects to leave for another position.

The Board has taken action to initiate a self-study of itself as well as a study of the faculty. In this connection a Retreat for the members of the Board of Trustees is planned for August 26 and 27, 1983.

We would respectfully request that Dr. Felker be granted the opportunity to speak to the Synod in behalf of Geneva College.

In concluding this report, the Board of Trustees expresses deep thanks to Dr. Felker for his devoted service which we believe has been rendered with integrity. We ask the prayers of the Corporators and the Church that as we now seek out a new President, the Spirit of God will give us all the grace we need to work together as an institution of higher learning dedicated to the glory of God and the fulfillment of His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth G. Smith, President

Jean L. Hemphill, Secretary

The Synod rose and applauded as an expression of thanks to Dr. Felker for his years of service to the College.

The Report of the Committee to Review the Charter of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College was taken up. Items 1-3 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CHARTER OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

This Committee was assigned the task of "review(ing) the charter of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College with reference to the procedure of electing members, since a majority of its members are not elected by Synod," (1981 Minutes, p. 151, 1982 Minutes, p. 92.)

The matter in question was discussed at the 1981 meeting of Synod, a committee was mandated, but no committee was appointed until the 1982 Synod. The present Committee found itself at considerable disadvantage in that none of the members could recall the discussion on the floor of Synod, nor is such information available in writing. The Chairman, however, was informed by members of the Synod that the issue was whether or not the Synod has sufficient control over Geneva College.

It may also be observed that to the knowledge of the Committee there is no such document as "the charter of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College." The only charter is the "Charter of Geneva College" in which provision is made for a Board of Corporators, and the "By-Laws of Geneva College."

The Charter and By-Laws of Geneva provide for and regulate the work of the Board of Corporators. The purpose of the Corporation is stated as "the better establishment, maintenance, management, and control" of the College. By the terms of the Charter the actual management of the College is committed into the hands of a Board of Trustees.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva consists of 22 persons, all of whom must be members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Three are chosen by Synod, 12 are chosen by the Corporators, and 7 are presbytery representatives.

The charter mandates a Board of Trustees of 31 members. Of the above, 21 persons must be members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, 3 of whom must be women. Each person in this category is elected by the Board of Corporators for a 3 year term.

Five trustees are elected by the Corporators from a list of Alumni of the College, as certified by the Alumni Association, to a three year term.

Five additional trustees are elected by the Corporators from a list of nominees certified by the Board of Trustees, for a 3 year term.

Persons in these latter two categories must be members of an Evangelical Church and subscribe in writing to a statement of Christian faith and commitment.

It should be observed that two-thirds of the Trustees are members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and that the remainder of the Board is elected by the Corporators. This latter group is also only elected after careful consideration, especially in recent years. One of the most important responsibilities of the Corporators is the wise selection of Trustees. This responsibility has come under much discussion by the Corporators in recent years, and there is real effort to exercise wisdom and discretion in this matter.

The Committee, in consultation with Dr. William Russell, Dean of the College, discovered that work is being done on revising the Charter and By-Laws of the College. The present charter is out of date and no longer meets the requirements of the state. A charter revision, as proposed by Dr. Russell, is presently before the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The proposed revision in no way diminishes the denominational control of the College, but to the contrary, makes it more explicit. Before the charter can be revised, the new charter must be adopted by both the Board of Trustees and the Board of Corporators.

Your Committee would suggest that a distinction must be made between the Church and the College. The College is not the Church, but an educational institution. The Church, in our view, should give direction to the College, but should not attempt to exercise detailed control over its daily operation. Both are unique institutions within the broader framework of the Kingdom of God. As the family and the state are unique institutions of God, so also are the Church and the College. and yet all are under Christ and the principles of the Scriptures. The perspective of the reformed world and life view should be kept in mind.

Based upon the above, your Committee believes that the Synod has appropriate and sufficient control over Geneva College through the present system. This of course presumes that the Board of Corporators and the members of the denomination on the Board of Trustees are diligent in fulfilling their particular responsibilities. This, we believe, is being done in a commendable fashion.

Recommendations:

1. That the Board of Trustees and Board of Corporators be encouraged to proceed with the necessary revision of the Charter and By-Laws of Geneva College in accord with the foundational principles of Christian education.
2. That the Committee express its appreciation for the assistance of Dr. William Russell.
3. That the Committee be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles McKissock

Lester Kilpatrick

A. Wayne Duffield, Chr.

The Report of the Committee on Arrangements was taken up. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 was referred to the Nominating Committee. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Your Committee on Arrangements would report that the work of the committee was done by correspondence. The Chairman would apologize to the Synod for missing the Recommendation from the E & P Board last year concerning the emphasis for the devotional messages for this year.

Your Committee has chosen the general theme "We are Brothers" for the devotional messages this year. We have secured representatives from the various Presbyteries to participate. Pastor J. Paul McCracken has been chosen to preach at the Sabbath evening service to which the area churches have been invited.

Arrangements have been made with Geneva College, through Paul Bischoff, for the matters of housing, meals, places of meetings, and other concerns for the efficiency of the Synod. Information and reservation forms have been prepared and mailed to all Congregations and members on the roll of the Synod.

Recommendations:

1. That the expenses of the Committee, the entertainment of Fraternal Delegates, costs of secretarial work and duplicating, and of transportation to and from the airport be paid from Synod's offering and from the Miscellaneous Fund.
2. That Recommendation #9 from the E & P Board last year be referred to the Committee on Arrangements for the 1985 Synod. (*Minutes of Synod* 1982, page 90)
3. That since the terms of Charles Sterrett, Milton Harrington and Joseph Baumgartner have expired, reference be made to the Nominations Committee and that only 2 men be elected to replace them for a term of two years.

Respectfully submiteed,

Joseph Baumgartner

Charles Sterrett

Milton Harrington

Martin Wilsey

Robert R. Fullerton, Chm.

The Report of the Committee on the Verbal Revision of the Westminster Confession was taken up. The recommendation was adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE VERBAL REVISION OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

In this report your committee reminds Synod of its decision made during its 1981 meeting. (1981 *Minutes of Synod*, page 21)

"That Synod advise the sessions to use this document, the modern-language Confession of Faith, in their Christian education programs, including membership classes, over the next three years. And that the Synod of 1984 receive and evaluate reports from the sessions as to its effectiveness and accuracy so that the Synod may be in a position to decide whether it should be part of the Constitution or serve only as a teaching aid."

So far little use seems to have been made of this document in Christian education programs.

Your committee recommends that this decision be brought to the notice of sessions once more, that sessions make use of study materials which will be mailed to them by October 1983, and that they report to this committee by April 30, 1984—in order that the effectiveness and accuracy of this modern-language rendering of our Confession of Faith may be evaluated.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Duncan Lowe

Wayne R. Spear

J. Renwick Wright, Chairman

The Court took recess in prayer by Thomas Hutcheson.

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1983, 1:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 63 the Synod was reconvened in prayer by Donald Moore.

The Roll was called.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee to Rewrite the Baptismal Vows was taken up. The Court adopted the following procedure for discussing the proposed vows: that no changes be made in the proposed vows from the floor. The Report was referred back to the Committee.

The Moderator was presented with a bouquet of flowers from the Lisbon Congregation.

The Committee to Give Counsel Regarding War did not report.

The Report of the Committee to plan a Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the Secession Church was taken up. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 1981 Synod by special resolution assigned this Committee the task of preparing "for a suitable commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the formation of the original Secession Church of Scotland" to be implemented "at our meeting of Synod," (1981 **Minutes of Synod**, p. 85).

Since we reported last year the Committee has held four meetings. Considerable work has also been done through letters and by telephone.

In preparation for the Anniversary Celebration an article, "Looking Back At Our 'New' History," written by Philip Pockras, appeared in the April issue of the **Covenanter Witness**.

The Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for June 29, 7 p.m. as part of the 1983 meeting of Synod, at the Service United Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, Pa. The program will feature addresses by Philip Pockras, Philip Beard, and Jonathan Watt on assigned topics. There will also be a special choir presentation under the direction of Dr. Robert Copeland. A commemorative Program Booklet, prepared by the Committee, contains all of the details.

The Committee wishes to thank the speakers, all who will be participating in the program, Mrs. Ray Blair for her assistance in acquiring the items for the display, and Geneva College for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

David Carson

John Montini

Philip Pockras

Wayne Duffield, Chr.

The Report on Paper 82-14 concerning the meeting of Synod at Carleton was taken up. Items 1-5 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

**REPORT ON PAPER 82-14
CONCERNING MEETING OF SYNOD AT CARLETON**

Assignment: The paper is found on page 154 of the 1982 **Minutes of Synod**. The disposition of the paper is on page 57. The paper "was referred to the Clerk to bring in a proposal to the 1983 Synod planning a skeleton Synod for 1984."

The attempt of this plan is to cover as much of the business of Synod as possible. It is intended to inform and to develop the interest of the denomination not to spawn debate. This would give us about seven hours for Constituted Court. It would have the delegates participating in all but five hours of the entire Conference. If we were able to stay on the proposed schedule for the Monday Morning Session at which every group would report, we would barely be able to complete the work. Therefore, we ask the cooperation of all Chairmen of Boards and Committees. With these concerns in mind I make the following recommendations:

1. That the 1984 Synod meet concurrently with the Carleton Family Conference in the following manner:
 - (a.) That Synod meet from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, August 2. This session would include the following:
 - (1.) Constitution of the Court
 - (2.) Making up of the Roll
 - (3.) Election of Officers
 - (4.) Hearing of the Report of the Clerk of Synod
 - (5.) The hearing of the Stated Clerk's Report
 - (6.) The reading of Papers
 - (b.) That the Appointment of Committees by the Moderator-Nominating and Judicial Committees, Committee on Resolution of Thanks, Committee to Canvass the Overture—if necessary, and Committees to Examine Records of Presbytery be made by the Moderator at Thursday Evening Meeting.
 - (c.) That the Retiring Moderator's Sermon be preached and delegates to the Court for the first time be introduced at the opening meeting of the Conference. This meeting would be held in Constituted Court organized by the Retiring Moderator and the Conference Director.
 - (d.) That the Saturday Evening Convocation be set as an evening of Praise for what God has done among us in which we would have reports from the Mission Boards and the Presbyteries and the Japan Commission along with singing of Psalms and times of Prayer. This would be arranged and moderated by the Moderator of Synod in counsel with the Conference Director.

- (e.) That one hour of the Conference on Friday and Saturday mornings, August 3 and 4, be designated for informational seminars on various phases of denominational ministry. Adult conferees will be encouraged to choose between one of two areas offered each morning. At these, various committees will report on their ministry. The moderator of each section may invite other committees to participate where their report may be germane to the subject of the seminar. The areas and Boards or Committees to report are as follows:

FRIDAY

Education—Board of Education and Publication, Board of Trustees of Geneva College, Board of Trustees of the Seminary, The Ottawa Theological Hall. Robert McFarland, Director of Youth Ministries will moderate this seminar.

Finances—Board of Trustees of Synod, Finance Committee, Committee on Long Range Financial Planning. This would be moderated by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

SATURDAY

Social Services—The Temperance Committee, Womans' Association, National Reform Association, Board of Pension Trustees, Committee to Give Counsel Regarding War. This would be moderated by the Chairman of the Temperance Committee.

Interdenominational Ministry and Correspondence—Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study, Reformation Translation Fellowship, Fraternal Delegates. This would be moderated by the Chairman of the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study.

- (f.) That Synod meet in Constituted Court Monday, August 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In this session each Board and Committee would be given 10 minutes to report. At the end of ten minutes the report would be adopted or returned to the Board or Committee to report to the 1985 meeting of Synod.
- (g.) That the Committees to Review Records of Presbyteries make recommendations concerning the receiving of Reports of Presbyteries which are to be made on Saturday evening.
- (h.) That the committees forward their requests for nominations to the Nominating Committee by Saturday morning. That elections be held right after the break Monday morning. Elections to break ties be held, if needed, at the request of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
2. That attendance be kept for members of Synod for all the constituted sessions of the Court and for the Friday and Saturday seminar hours. We would use the honor system. At the Monday morning session we would circulate a roll for each delegate to check.
 3. That Travel Fund be set at 50% of the regular standards for reimbursements.

4. That the 1984 **Minutes of Synod** include in the minutes only those reports that are adopted by the Synod. All other reports, unless otherwise requested be printed in the Appendix to the **Minutes**.
5. That committees be encouraged to report progress without recommendations. That where there is no written report in hand from a committee by the end of the Thursday Afternoon Session, that committee will orally report progress and be expected to report fully to the 1985 Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M. Martin, Clerk

The Court took recess in prayer by Melville Martin.

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1983, 7:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 67B the Court was reconvened in prayer by Ralph Joseph.

The Roll was called.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

The Reports of the Iowa, Midwest, New York, Ohio-Illinois, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh and St. Lawrence Presbyteries and the Japan Commission were read, received and are as follows:

REPORT OF THE IOWA PRESBYTERY

The Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report that one regular meeting has been held since last Synod on April 2, 1983, at Washington, Iowa, and two special meetings, one for the installation of Ronald V. Good and one here at Synod. The visitation of the Sharon congregation has been conducted during the year.

The annual family conference will be held at Lake Darling Camp near Brighton, Iowa, from August 13-19, 1983, with Pastor Tom Price as the principal speaker. We welcome and appreciate campers who come from other presbyteries.

Three congregations are under our care, two of which have settled pastors, Sharon congregation and as of November 21, 1982, Washington congregation with the installation of Ronald V. Good. As of June 1, 1983, with the resignation of John McMillan the Marion congregation has been without a settled pastor.

On September 10 and 11, 1982, we held an elders retreat at the Sharon parsonage with Robert Catloth as the featured speaker. The Marion congregation also invited Dick Wulf, a Christian counselor, on December 3 and 4, 1982, to conduct a seminar on Developing a Godly Self-Respect in which all three congregations of our presbytery participated.

On June 5, 1983, Ronald W. Nickerson, whom we recommended to Synod for special prayers last year was confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church and on June 27, 1983, we removed him as a suspended minister from our presbytery.

Paul McElhinney is our travel fund agent for this meeting of Synod. Our representative on Geneva College's Board of Corporators is Lauren Wolcott, and Ronald V. Good is our representative on the Board of Home Missions. He is also chairman of our Committee on Evangelism and Church Extension.

All of our members are accounted for and the Travel Fund is paid in full.

Randall D. Van Osdol
Stated Clerk

REPORT OF MIDWEST PRESBYTERY TO 1983 SYNOD

The Midwest Presbytery would respectfully report that it has had one regular meeting and two special meetings since the last meeting of Synod. The annual meeting was held November 9-10, 1982 at Shawnee Kansas. The special meetings were held October 26, 1982 and November 8, 1982 at Clarinda, Iowa for the examination and the ordination and installation of William Pihl as pastor of the Clarinda Congregation. During this meeting of Synod the Presbytery has met twice.

There have been several changes in our ministerial membership of Presbytery. Since the last Synod, one teaching elder, Luther B. McFarland, has been taken by death. Robert H. McFarland resigned as pastor of the Quinter Congregation in order to take up the work of Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministeries for the denomination. Presbytery is pleased to welcome into our membership Samuel E. Boyle and R. Wylie Caskey. Two other teaching elders were received by Presbytery, David Peachy and Joseph Paul.

As of August 1, 1983 there will be fifteen organized congregations and one mission station which make up the Presbytery. The Quinter Congregation is presently without a pastor. The Park City Congregation is to be disorganized July 31, 1983. It is with regret that this course of action was taken due to long-standing, unresolved problems. Presbytery commends David Peachy for his spirit and leadership in the midst of difficult problems, and openly commends him to the denomination as a candidate for a gospel call. The Manhattan Reformed Presbyterian Fellowship began holding public worship services September 19, 1982. Presbytery requests continued prayer for this new work and for Pastor Joe Paul as he serves this mission station.

The Presbytery will be sponsoring the Covenant Heights Family Conference. The conference will be July 30-August 6, 1983. The theme is "Committed to One Another" and the featured speaker is Dick Wulf,

director of the Christian Growth Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Rocky Mountain Backpack Conference was held June 14-21, 1983. Bob Mann oversaw this adventure. The Service Workshop And Training (SWAT) planned for June 3-7, 1983 was not held due to the lack of participants.

There are now two men under care as students of theology. They are Charles McCalla and Robert Willson. Both men are working towards licensure.

In addition to the officers listed in the roster, our representative to the Geneva College Board of Corporators is Bruce C. Hemphill; our Travel Agent for this meeting of Synod is John Rogers.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Edward Hindman,
Clerk

REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY

New York Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one regular meeting since the last meeting of Synod, at Broomall, April 1, 1983. Each congregation was represented at the meeting by pastor and elder-delegate. There are six congregations in the Presbytery: Broomall: William Edgar, pastor; Cambridge: William Cornell, pastor; Coldenham-Newburgh: Robert McMillan, pastor; Elkins Park: without a pastor (Stephen Conte resigned and was given a letter of standing effective June 12, 1983); Ridgefield Park: G.W. Price, pastor; and White Lake: David Coon, pastor. We ask your prayers for our Presbytery that we would realize the promise of Jesus to build His Church and rule in the midst of His enemies—especially since one of our pulpits is so recently vacant, and another is vacant, we trust, just temporarily. We are thankful to God that most of our congregations have seen significant growth this past year, and losses checked in all our congregations.

Our summer conference serves both New York and St. Lawrence Presbyteries. Significant improvements have been made this year with the addition of a new bath house, and more importantly, year-round “camp-sitters” in the Charles McBurneys. A “Work-for-Growth” Week is planned for training young people this summer from July 4-8. In addition to congregational camps there will be a Junior Camp August 15-19. Family Camp will be August 19-27 featuring Dr. James Carson speaking to the college and adults on the Book of Revelation, and Pastor Kit Swartz, on the same theme, to the Jr. and Sr. High.

Three men are under our care as students of theology: John Brent, Roland Gunn, and Rob Miller. Our representatives are as follow: Board of Corporators: Donald Crawford; Board of Home Missions: David Coon;

Travel Fund: George Jackson. Our Travel Fund is paid in full, and all our members are accounted for.

Respectfully submitted,
David Coon,
Clerk

REPORT OF THE OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY TO SYNOD

The Ohio-Illinois Presbytery respectfully reports that we have 14 congregations and one Mission Station under our care. 11 of the congregations have pastors. Bloomington and Selma are without pastors. Covenant Fellowship of Indianapolis has a Stated Supply.

Since the last meeting of Synod, we have had one regular and two special meetings of Presbytery. The regular meeting was held March 24-26, 1983 in Bloomington. On October 28, 1982, a special meeting was held in Hetherton to examine, ordain and install Robert Schmidtberger. The second special meeting was held here at Synod.

Pastoral relationships were dissolved between Rev. Stanley Copeland and the Bloomington congregation and Rev. David Peachy and the West Lafayette congregation. Rev. Copeland is presently serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Army. Rev. Peachy and Rev. Samuel Boyle were given their letters and have been received by Midwest Presbytery. Rev. Eric MCQuitty's letter of standing was sent to the Louisiana Presbytery of the PCA.

There are seven ministers without charges. One is in graduate school, one is a chaplain, one is a Stated Supply, three are in business and one is retired.

Three of our students under care graduated from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary this spring. They are: William Blackwood, James McMahon and Frank Schutz. Two of our four licentiates are available for a call. They are William Blackwood and Frank Schutz. William Roberts has been called by Bloomington. James McMahon was licensed on March 25, 1983 and, at the invitation of the Session, will be working within the 2nd Indianapolis congregation. Robert Henninger has united with another denomination.

There are three students of theology under care of Presbytery. Mr. David Long is interning in Quinter this summer and will begin his third and final year at the seminary this fall. Mr. Harry Metzger is interning at the Covenant Fellowship (Pittsburgh) congregation this summer and begins his second year at the seminary this fall. Mr. Tom Forest, from the Orlando congregation begins his first year at the seminary this fall.

Concerning Chicago, the Church Extension Commission continued the oversight of the ministry there, supplying monthly preaching services and providing for the observance of the sacraments. Arrangements have been completed for making funds available for expanding the work.

A ruling elder from Southside Indianapolis is moving to the area shortly. We are presently gathering a list of all potential contacts in the Chicago area and are asking God to enable the work to move ahead substantially this coming year.

Three of our congregations have acquired church buildings this year. Southside Indianapolis moved into their facility in November, Ogemaw moved into their building in February and Columbus acquired a building earlier this month.

The Covfamikoi Family Conference, after many years of being at Covenant College on Lookout Mountain, is moving to Johnson Bible College near Knoxville, TN this year. Dr. Sam Boyle will be ministering the Word.

This has been a challenging year for the Presbytery as we have been ministered to by Synod's Judicial Commission. We are grateful to the Lord for His using these men to help us. In response to God, the Presbytery, at its meeting in March, knelt in prayer and confessed to God the sin of divisiveness and party spirit which has marked and marred our Presbytery in recent years. We are trusting God to heal our wounds, restore to us the joy of serving Christ and empower us anew to do His work. We ask the Synod to pray for us.

All our members are accounted for, our travel fund is paid in full and our travel agent for this ministry of Synod is Jim Bishop.

REPORT OF THE PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY

The Pacific Coast Presbytery held its annual meeting in Los Angeles on February 25 and 26, 1983. Each congregation was represented by both the teaching and a ruling elder. The Ad Interim Commission met twelve times in constituted court between meetings of the Presbytery. Presbytery also met in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania during this meeting of Synod.

There are seven congregations under our care. All have pastoral leadership. One pastor, Dr. Robert Tweed, has a call pending. There are, in addition, two ministerial members on our roll: Dr. Charles Chao of the Reformation Translation Fellowship, and Rev. Philip Martin, retired, but active in the work in the Phoenix, Arizona congregation.

The Phoenix congregation is presently involved in a building program for needed additional facilities. That congregation has during the year been exploring the possibility of an extension work in Payson, Arizona, and some meetings have been held there already. Explorations are also looking toward the possibility of having some Geneva College credit courses offered through the Center for Biblical Training in Phoenix.

The visitation committee this year visited the San Diego congregation, and much of the work of the Ad Interim Commission centered on matters of discipline in that congregation. The Ad Interim Commission issued some

directives to the session, which, while not agreed with by the session, have nevertheless been carried out. It would appear that the immediate problem in that congregation has been settled.

For scheduling reasons, it became necessary to cancel the summer conference near Seattle in 1982. In the absence of that conference, three regional conferences were held: in Seattle, near Fresno, and in Phoenix. A Presbytery-wide conference is planned for Buck Creek Camp, near Mt. Rainier in Washington, July 23-30. Donald Piper is serving as Young People's secretary, and Joseph Lamont is the conference manager.

William Pihl, who was licensed at our meeting in Grand Rapids, was transferred to the Midwest Presbytery and subsequently ordained and installed in the Clarinda congregation. The status of Richard Basala as a student under our care is being reviewed. Roney Posvar, an elder in the San Diego congregation, was taken under the care of Presbytery as a student of theology. He has been accepted at Westminster Theological Seminary in California.

Donald Piper is our representative on the Home Mission Board; Surrendra Gangadean on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College. All reports have been submitted. Our travel fund agent is Charles Archer.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Carson,

Clerk

REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

The Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report that we have 13 Congregations and 2 Mission Stations under our care. Of these, 10 are served by settled Pastors. A Call by the New Alexandria Congregation has been accepted by Daniel Kepple and plans have been made for his ordination and installation. The Geneva Congregation is awaiting the response of Robert Tweed to their Call made upon him. The Allegheny Congregation is planning the calling of a Pastor in the next few weeks. Duncan Lowe is serving the State College Mission Station, and the Mars Mission Station is under the oversight of a Commission.

In addition to our 11 settled Pastors (including the Mission Station) we have 21 ministers on our roll. Eight of these are retired, seven are associated with Geneva College, four are teaching in the R.P. Seminary, one is missionary in Japan, and one is self employed. Just recently Dr. J.G. Vos was called to his Eternal Rest. We have 4 students of theology under our care, one of these is licensed. We have 3 additional Licentiates under our care. Two of these expect to take up pastoral work in the very near future, and the other is engaged in special training.

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held 2 regular and 2 special meetings. One of these special meetings was for the purpose of examining candidates for licensure and ordination, the second was to ordain Kenneth Hoffman to the Gospel Ministry and install him as the pastor of the Tusca Area Congregation. There were three open meetings of the Ad Interim Commission to install pastors: Philip Pockras at New Castle, Harold Harrington at Rose Point, and John Tweed at North Hills.

We had a very successful camp program last summer with 170 full and part time campers in attendance at Camp Lambec on Lake Erie. David Willson serves as a very capable Young Peoples' Secretary. The attendance was nearly doubled from the previous year. Although the 1983 date is not as favorable, we will be returning to Camp Lambec for our camp program on August 20th. In addition to the Camp program, there was a late summer Presbytery picnic, a Thanksgiving Psalm Sing, and our Camp-O-Day program at the Pine Valley Bible Conference Grounds. A leadership training school is planned for our high school age youth this summer, and a Presbytery-wide outdoor worship service is planned for July 24.

Our Presbytery outreach program continues to center in State College, although several of our congregations are engaged in special programs of local church extension. The Covenant Fellowship Congregation has just moved into a larger facility to carry on their program more efficiently. Two men of our Presbytery received the Evangelism Explosion training which was offered in the area last spring.

The officers of the Presbytery are listed in our roster. Our Statistical Report was forwarded on time, our Travel Fund is paid, and all of our members are accounted for.

Robert R. Fullerton,
Clerk

REPORT OF ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY

The St. Lawrence Presbytery held its two annual meetings on October 5 and 6, 1982 in Rochester, New York, and on March 8, 1983 in Syracuse, New York. We also met on September 24, 1982 for the ordination and installation of Carter Rowe as associate pastor of the Syracuse congregation.

We have eight congregations. Ottawa, Almonte, Lisbon, Oswego, Syracuse and Walton all have teaching elders. The pulpits of Rochester and Lochiel are vacant. Rev. Robert Rice resigned as pastor of the Rochester Fellowship. Over the past year the Walton session has held weekly preaching services in Binghamton, and is now considering an associate pastor to work, under its supervision, in the Binghamton-Vestal, New York area. There are nine teaching elders on Presbytery's roll; Rev. John Edgar and Rev. Robert Rice are without pastoral charges.

The St. Lawrence Presbytery has four students under its care: Douglas Chamberlain, taken under care last year; Ian Spears, Don Millar and James R. Hughes, taken under care this year. All have completed their first year of pastoral training: Doug at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburgh; Ian, Don and Jim at the Ottawa Theological Hall in Ottawa.

The St. Lawrence Presbytery continued its oversight of the first year of the Ottawa Theological Hall. The Hall opened last September with seven full-time students, all of whom completed their first year, and a number of part-time students. Dr. James A. Hughes taught Apologetics; Rev. Harold Harrington, Systematic Theology; Dr. William Edgar, Church History; Dr. Edward Robson, Biblical Theology; Dr. Kenneth Smith, Evangelism, and Dr. Richard Ganz, the practical training of pastors. Classes have been meeting in the Westboro Baptist Church in Ottawa.

The St. Lawrence Family Camp was sponsored by the Presbytery in Lisbon, New York in September, and the White Lake Family Camp co-sponsored with the New York Presbytery.

All of our members are accounted for. The travel fund is paid in full. Officers of the Presbytery are listed in our roster. Paul Finley is our representative on the College Board of Corporators, Walter Swartz our representative on the Home Mission Board, Edward Robson our representative on the Long-Range Financial Planning Committee. The statistical report was forwarded to the Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Carter R. Rowe,
Clerk

RESPONSE TO SYNOD PAPER 82-11 RELATING TO THE OTTAWA THEOLOGICAL HALL

Dear Brothers,

We thank God for your concern and for the support which you gave to our undertaking in Canada. Each of your points is addressed in the following.

- a) After much deliberation and prayer, we feel that the size of the Board should remain in the 3-5 member range. Our reasons are as follows:
 1. There is not necessarily a correlation between the size of an institution

- and size of the board. In private industry, extremely large corporations are run by either small or large boards.
2. Our constitution emphasizes that there must be unanimity among board members. The larger the board, the more likely it is that there will be a person who will not agree with a proposed action.
 3. Presbytery and Synod are present to correct, should the Board head in the wrong direction.
 4. Members of the Board must be committed, motivated and willing to undertake work on behalf of OTH. Our Board acts in an administrative as well as policy making capacity. To convene meetings at which all board members are present and to ensure that we can work quickly, we must have a small Board.
- b) The Board of OTH agrees with your concern for tighter control by Presbytery. Therefore, we have amended our constitution to include nomination of board members by the Board, with election by Presbytery.
 - c) Concerning the statement in the OTH brochure that it is affiliated with the R.P. Church of North America, we do not believe it to be important to state in that particular brochure the specific level of affiliation. In a sense, if there is an affiliation at any level of church government, it is appropriate to say there is an affiliation with the R.P.C.N.A. The brochure is designed to be used as a first contact with large numbers of people who might be interested in such a Seminary. Many of these would have little knowledge of the intricacies of Presbyterian government and might only be confused by the specific naming of a Presbytery. If a person inquires further, he would receive more detailed information, such as the catalog of the seminary.
 - d) A library for OTH has been very much a concern, and the first steps have been taken to provide one. \$1000 has been used to purchase a selection of excellent books for the beginning of a library and these are on bookshelves in the classroom where the OTH classes meet. Students also have access to other libraries in the City of Ottawa, for example, the one at St. Paul's University, a local seminary where many of our students take their beginning Greek classes. We would request that anyone in the Synod, or others you may know of, who might have books suitable for donation to OTH, would let us know. First send a list of the available books, so that we can let you know which ones may be needed.
 - e) We have been looking into the matter of liability insurance and will take the necessary steps to ensure that we have adequate insurance.
 - f) The constitution of OTH now reads: "13. Tuition shall be established by the Board." The Board is continuing the policy, that no tuition shall be charged as we believe that the teaching of the Word, like the preaching of the gospel should be free. We have not ruled out fund raising appeals, and

do plan to use such a method of obtaining assistance from our Canadian brethren.

At present all faculty and staff members volunteer their time for OTH. An overview of our budget for 1983 is as follows:

Travel	\$4,000
Rent	3,600
Books	500
Office Supplies	1,000

As you have requested you will find the following attached.

1. A copy of our annual report Jan. 1—Dec. 31, 1982; and
2. A copy of the constitution of Ottawa Theological Hall.

Respectfully submitted by the
Board of Ottawa Theological Hall

Ken McBurney — Chairman

Aubrey Ayer — Secretary

James R. Hughes — Treasurer

Faculty

Dr. James A. Hughes, DEAN

Dr. Richard Ganz

Dr. William Edgar

Dr. Ed Robson

Dr. Ken Smith

Rev. Harold Harrington

Staff

James R. Hughes - Administrator

Ernie Simon - Secretary

Ihn Uhm - Public Relations

REPORT OF THE JAPAN COMMISSION

The Japan Commission would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod, the Commission has consisted of seven ministers: R. Hemphill, C. Leach, T. Masunaga, G. Spear, W. Sterrett, S. Takiura and N. Miwa; and three elders K. Kojima, Y. Nitta and T. Shinoda.

We have three congregations under our care in addition to two Mission Stations.

In July of 1982, the commission employed Mr. Yamashita, a student at the Reformed Seminary in Kobe. He preached and assisted with Vacation Bible Schools and other activities among our churches during the Summer.

In August of 1982, the Young People's Summer Conference was held at Ayabe Seminar House. The theme of the conference was "To Live Positively."

In September of 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill came to Japan to teach the children of the Sterretts and to help Japanese churches in many ways.

In September of 1982 the Church Fall Conference was held at Hyogo International House in Kobe. The theme was "Historical Steps of Our

Churches". We had a time of fellowship and of exchanging of information among the members of the congregations.

In October of 1982, Mr. Takiura attended the Synod of the Reformed Church in Japan as fraternal delegate.

The Psalm Committee has made progress in compiling additional Psalms for singing in Japanese in the prospect of publishing a new Psalter with thirty additional Psalms included. It is to be published by the end of 1983.

In December of 1982, the Christmas Psalm Sing was held at the Chinese Reformed Presbyterian Church in Kobe on December 19. The program was "The Life of Christ in the Psalms". \$200 from the offerings was sent to the Reformed Presbyterian Home in Pittsburgh.

The prayer calendar entitled "The Prayer Wheel" was newly started and has been printed every other month. It has helped the members of the Church to know the situation of each congregation well and to remember prayer requests of the whole Church in their prayers.

Mr. Mizukusa, one of the deacons of the Higashisuma Church, was called home to heaven after giving faithful testimony to us all.

Mr. Nakamura was ordained and installed as a deacon at Keiyaku Church and Mr. Ishii and Mrs. Mizukusa were ordained and installed as deacons at Higashisuma Church.

The Pastors' meeting has been held every other month to study the Church Government as well as to have fellowship.

The officers of the commission are; Moderator, Toshio Masunaga; Clerk, Nobuo Miwa; Assistant Clerk, William Sterrett; Treasurer, Yoshio Nitta; Auditor, Kiyoshi Kojima. The minutes of the Sessions were examined and found to be in order. The statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Nobuo Miwa,
Clerk

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

The Board of Home Missions would respectfully report that we have held two regular meetings since the last meeting of Synod, and our officers have

been: Bruce Hemphill, President; John McMillan, Vice Pres.; Don Piper, Secretary; and Louis Hutmire, Treasurer.

New Works that the Board is currently supporting through the presbyteries are: Anchorage, AL; Colorado Springs, CO; Columbus, IN; Hays and Manhattan, KS; Binghamton, Oswego, and Rochester, NY; and Ottawa, ON. The Board received a recommendation to develop a specific mission to the Jews. In view of the interethnic communion of the church in Christ, we have decided that while we should encourage evangelism to the Jews we should not consider a special mission to the Jews, for a "mission" would foresee the establishment of a particular church.

To facilitate a better relationship and improve communications between the Board and the presbyteries, a detailed job-description of the Presbytery Representative was formulated by the Board. We are also updating our policies and procedures to put together a Handbook (including Constitution) to facilitate our work.

With the Foreign Mission Board and the Seminary, the Home Mission Board participated in a Geneva College chapel program addressing the general subject of service. Recommendations for such programs in the future are being made.

At the Board's encouragement Charles McBurney has developed a slide program which surveys the congregations of our denomination. The Board will duplicate this program and make it available. We are also developing a display of information about New Works that Mr. Robert McFarland will take with him in his travels as Director of Youth Services.

We are in the process of developing a "New Work Internship Program" which is intended to give on-the-scene training to men desiring experience in New Work ministry. Similar to the Seminary's Summer Intern Program, this is developed for post-graduate and ordained men, is intended to last a year or more, and is to be a New Work project (to have the goal of establishing a new congregation). The program will key on the concept that the church's life is its means for growth. We have a statement of purpose and plan available now, and we plan to implement the program in the 1984 budget. Lic. Cliff Glovier in Syracuse has been a "pilot" project this year. Please inquire for details.

The Board of Home Missions would recommend Evangelism Explosion as valuable for congregational evangelism training. We have committed the Board to underwrite part of the expenses for training in Evangelism Explosion's regional training seminars. Please inquire for details.

During the winter we distributed copies of three papers by Ken Smith, Ed Robson, and Roy Blackwood on the Principles of Church Extension Ministry. These papers were presented in a seminar sponsored by the Board while studying alternatives to having an Executive Secretary. They are thought and spirit provoking, and there are more copies available through the office

of the Board of Education and Publication.

We are recommending to the Carleton Planning Committee a Seminar or Workshop on the work of church extension to be developed in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board.

Recommendations:

1. That the names of: Ronald Good to fill the unexpired term of John McMillan (Iowa Presbytery representative, class of '85), David Coon to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Paul (New York Presbytery representative, class of '84), Dean Smith (Pittsburgh Presbytery representative, class of '86), Garland Kincaid (Ohio-Illinois Presbytery representative, class of '86) Robert McFarland and Martin Wilsey (At-large, class of '86) be placed with the Nominating Committee.
2. That the Board of Home Missions be granted \$27,663 from the 1984 budget.

Report submitted by
The Executive Committee

The following special resolutions were adopted:

1. That three delegates be appointed to attend the Consultation in Chicago, "The World at Your Doorstep", November 16-18, along with the Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries, one each from the Seminary, Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board.
2. That these four people become a committee to study the opportunities for training, service and needs and that it bring a brief progress report to Synod next year and a detailed report to Synod in 1985.
3. That the Seminary study the possibility of cooperative training programs for students and pastors who will consider cross-cultural ministry.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Board was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was adopted. Item 3 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 4 was adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns'." Psalm 96:10

We are grateful to God for the evidence of his working in our denomination and filling us with the desire to fulfill the Great Commission. Inquiries from individuals, responses from sessions and activities in congregations tell of a growing interest in world missions. Faithful ministry and growth of the church in Japan and Australia continues. Opportunity to witness in Cyprus

and the need of unreached peoples challenge us to wider service.

We continue to participate in meetings which enable us to keep abreast of what is going on in world missions, to be alert to opportunities in the world today and to improve our methods. The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association has been contributing information regarding the changing world scene today and the strategy which is needed to meet these new situations. There is a continuing challenge to consider the many refugees and displaced persons which are flooding Canada and the U.S.

The executives and chairmen of the NAPARC overseas mission boards continue to meet once a year. One of the topics which was discussed this year was that of Team Ministries. This concept has been used by the PCA and is being developed further. We need to consider this to a greater extent in our ministry. A Reformed Missions Consultation was held at the Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia in March. The theme was "Unreached Peoples: The Old/New Challenge." We participated in this consultation.

Our October meeting which was held at the Seminary gave us an opportunity to present the world situation to the seminarians and to call them to consider the world view of the Great Commission. The presentation given in chapel used the recent publication, **The World Christian Encyclopedia**, edited by David Barrett, for background material. A copy of this book is in the seminary library and can be helpful in understanding some of the trends which are taking place in the world today. The growth of the urban population is of particular interest and should affect our strategy for missions.

In February we met at Geneva College and our Executive Secretary participated in two chapel programs on Mission Emphasis. The Home Mission Board and the Seminary cooperated in the first. A slide presentation was given which gave an overview of our congregations and the challenge to obtain experience in local congregations before seeking overseas ministry. We believe that this slide presentation would be helpful to each of our congregations. The second program was conducted in cooperation with the boards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of America. It gave a broad overview of mission work and a challenge to serve overseas.

We have been in contact with Christian Witness to Israel, a Reformed mission to the Jews, and hope to have an interview with a representative this fall. Adam Loughridge is a member of their board. This is a ministry to the Jews with which we believe we could work.

We are thankful for the organization of a congregation in the Sunbury-Milton area in Australia on November 6, 1982. This is the fruit of the ministry of the Robert McCracken family during their time in Australia. Pray for leadership for this congregation. Continue to remember members who incurred loss of property during the fires which swept that area in February.

We continue to have a concern for Cyprus and the opportunities for presenting the Gospel there. We remember the small congregation as well as the teaching of Bible in the Academies. A second floor has been completed on the building in Nicosia. Daniel and Carolyn Copeland and Becky Carson have been employed in the Larnaca Academy. John Stone, whom we recommended as a Bible teacher, resigned in December leaving an extra burden on the Academy. Dan Copeland and Mrs. Mavrides assumed the teaching of some of the Bible classes. The Academy is again asking us to recommend a Bible teacher this year. Two letters have been sent to sessions informing you of this and other needs. Becky Carson, who has taught for two years, expects to return home this summer.

In order to both encourage the Greek Evangelical Church and to re-evaluate our relationship with the Church and the Academies, the Board send Donald Piper to Cyprus for three weeks in April. It is our desire that the Church should prosper and that we should not be slack in our responsibility to her. We plan to review the whole situation and our involvement in this ministry this fall.

We rejoice with the Japan mission in celebrating 30 years of ministry at the Covenanter Book Store in Kobe. The ministry which has been carried on in the Book Store during the years has been significant. We are thankful for the leadership of Orlena Lynn during that time and pray that the Lord will continue to guide her and the Board of Directors in knowing what plans to make.

We appreciated the response which Raymond and Jennie Hemphill gave to our request to go to Japan last fall to help in the work of teaching, bookkeeping and other mission work. They were able to fit into the work rather quickly because of their knowledge of the mission program. They are planning on continuing their ministry through this year. They will be helping to fill the gap which will be left when the William Sterretts leave on furlough in June. With Charles Leach living in the Kita-Suzurandai area and having completed a large portion of his language study, he and the Hemphills will work as a team in this ministry. We are grateful for the large number of people involved in the various programs but desire to see converts. We would, also, ask for your prayers for a teacher for the Sterrett children who would begin work in February.

The Gene Spear family has seen growth in Mukonosso but again we pray that the Lord will raise up others to be a part of the church. Remember the three pastors and their congregations with the same prayers.

The Japan Commission responded to the action of Synod regarding representative attendance at the meetings of Synod by the Japanese pastors. They question the advisability of such attendance since the congregations are not aware of the work of Synod. However, they did feel that they might be able to contribute comments regarding reports to Synod so that they would

have input. They are considering having a representative at the National Conference next year. We have encouraged them to make a statement in their report to Synod regarding this matter.

Keith Mann from the Colorado Springs congregation is planning on being in Japan from about June 15 to August 20. He will be going under the STIM program which is directed by Inter-Varsity. We have some responsibility in this program and have been in contact with Keith from the beginning of his interest. They conduct four training sessions for those participating in this program and James Pennington has been supplementing this training.

With the celebration of the Charles Chao's 50th wedding anniversary last August we are reminded of the years of service which he has given to the Reformation Translation Fellowship. This literature work continues to contribute to the growth of the Church in China and other parts of the world where the Chinese are located.

Along with the Irish-Scottish Board we are giving support to the work which Paul Copeland is doing in the Carluke area. He also has some ministry in the Glasgow congregation. He is doing all of this along with his studies. Pray that the Lord will bless this ministry and outreach.

We thank you for your continued interest in this oversight which you have assigned to us. There is interest in Norway, France, India and Indonesia. This points to the need for further planning in carrying the Gospel to other areas of the world. Pray with us that we may be alert to those opportunities which we can accept as a denomination.

Recommendations:

1. That, since the terms of Clark Copeland, James Pennington and Mrs. Kenneth Smith expire, we nominate J. Paul McCracken, James Pennington and Jonathan Watt for the first two vacancies with the Synodical nominating a name for the last vacancy.
2. That the Japan Commission be made up of all teaching elders and one ruling elder from each congregation.
3. That this Board be granted \$100,000 from Synod's Budget.
4. That sessions alert teachers in their congregations of the need for a teacher for the Sterrett children beginning February, 1984, and of the need for a Bible teacher for Cyprus.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Henning,
Executive Secretary

The Report of the Committee to Study Civil Disobedience was taken up.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by James Hughes.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1983, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, June 28, 1983 at 8:30 a.m., in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Following singing from Psalm 104B the Court was constituted in prayer by Charles Sterrett.

The Roll was noted.

The Court was led in worship of God by Samuel Sterrett. John McMillan preached God's Word from Philippians 2:1-4 on the theme, "The Brother is Humble."

The Minutes were read and approved.

The following papers were presented to the Court:

83-3 from the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery concerning the response to noted irregularities in the Minutes reviewed by the 1982 Synod was referred to the Committee to Review the Records of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery.

83-4 from two members of the Court concerning the means of removing a teaching elder from the Roll of Presbytery was referred to the Judicial Committee.

83-5 from the St. Lawrence Presbytery concerning the giving of an invitation to certain other Reformed denominations to join with our denomination was referred to the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study.

83-6 from two members of the Court concerning the calling and placing of foreign mission candidates is to be copied, distributed, and put on the docket for debate sometime later in this meeting of Synod.

83-7 from the Iowa Presbytery asking for a realignment of Presbyteries was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Nominating Committee.

83-8 from the New York Presbytery concerning the discussion of political and social matters by the Synod was referred to the Judicial Committee.

83-9 from the St. Lawrence Presbytery requesting Synod to purchase church facilities for new works allowing them to rent facilities rather than buy them was referred to the Board of the Trustees of Synod.

The Preliminary Report of the Committee on Finance was read and received.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Book of Church Government was taken up. Items 1-8 were adopted. The Introduction was adopted by more than a two-thirds vote. Chapter 1 was taken up, debated and referred back to the Committee. Chapter 2 was taken up,

debated and referred back to the Committee. Chapter 3 was taken up, debated, and referred back to the Committee. Chapter 4 was taken up and debated.

The Court took recess in prayer by Wylie Caskey.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1983, 1:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 96B the Court was reconvened in prayer by Walter Swartz.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on the Office of Evangelist was taken up, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIST

Your Committee would respectfully report that we have no completed study to submit to the Synod this year. We have been in conference with the chairman of the Committee to Rewrite the Book of Church Government, and we observe that their proposed revision does indeed make mention of the task of evangelism and those gifted for its implementation, at least embracing to some degree the sentiment in Paul's words to Timothy to "do the work of an evangelist" (II Timothy 4:5). The concern originally expressed to the first revision committee did not intend a long term study of the office of evangelist, but rather stated a need for a type of wording which did not unequivocally insist on the cessation of the office, as some earlier historical documents provide.

Having made this observation then about the proposed revision, your Committee now believes that a thorough study on the office of evangelist should be made. We are prepared to take on the project, believing that the study in itself can have a good effect in the Church and shed light on why we do not have the office of evangelist today. We should be clear on these things, especially in light of the fact that the other NAPARC churches make other provision. We therefore ask the Synod to continue the Committee, and we will submit for consideration a study report upon its completion.

Recommendation:

1. That the Committee be continued in order to complete a study report on the office of evangelist.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Conte
Darrell Parnell
Ronald Stegall
Kenneth Smith, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Vow Number 8 was taken up. Item 1 was discussed. The Report was laid on the table until the paper could be printed and distributed to the Court.

The Report of the Committee on the Lord's Day Observance was taken up.

The Court took recess in prayer by George Jackson.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1983, 7:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 22H the Court was reconvened in prayer by Jack Baumgardner.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The following reports of fraternal delegates were made.

Duncan Lowe and Jonathan Watt, our fraternal delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, reported on their visit. Rev. Samuel Ward, fraternal delegate from the Presbyterian Church in America, brought greetings from that body.

Paul Finley, our fraternal delegate to the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, reported on his visit. Rev. Theodore Georgian, fraternal delegate from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, brought greetings from that body.

Charles Sterrett and Robert Schmidtberger, our fraternal delegates to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, reported on their visit. Mr. Ben Becksvoort, fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church, brought greetings from that body.

Jerry Milroy, our fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States (Eureka Classis) reported on that meeting. Rev. Paul Treick, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Church in the United States (Eureka Classis), brought greetings from that body.

Robert Copeland and Clark Copeland, fraternal delegates to the last two meetings of the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church respectively, reported on their respective visits. A greeting from that body was read to the Court.

The Report of the Woman's Association was taken up. Mrs. Sandra Johns, Vice-president of the Woman's Association and chairman of the Building Committee of the Home for the Aged, addressed the Court on behalf of the Home and the Association. The printed Reports of the Woman's Association and of the Superintendent of the Reformed Presbyterian Home for the Aged were received and are as follows:

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION
86th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
JANUARY 1, 1982 — DECEMBER 31, 1982

May another selection taken from Isaiah this year express the theme of this report: "Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things." (12:4-5)

This year was largely transitional in nature. At last year's meeting schematics of the proposed Home Plans were shown and explained. By the first part of February the newly enclosed sun deck was ready for occupancy, the annex was readied for demolition, and on March 6th the ground breaking ceremonies and reception were held. Today you may actually have the satisfaction and joy of being entertained in the completed construction area known as Phase I.

Mr. Weir takes an active role in every phase of the Home's work from the least to the greatest. It is the prayer of all that the Lord (in whom is his trust) will continue to bless him abundantly. It is no small task for an experienced Administrator to hold such a position but when one has full responsibility for the first time in managing a Home such as this, and it's compounded by a building program actually in progress, one does have more than a full load. Mr. Weir has been blessed through it all by knowing the facility, those he works with and his accounting ability. However, that doesn't really lessen the tension of responsibility in crucial times such as when the fire alarms go off indiscriminately, the furnace doesn't operate, inspectors appear unannounced, or a member falls or suddenly becomes seriously ill.

The tension of the latter has been somewhat relieved by the selection of Mr. James Neely as Director of Nursing. He with his wife and family moved here last April. He lives on Maple Avenue very close to the Home and so can share in "on call" responsibilities as a part of his work load. Mr. Neely has expressed his pleasure in his new position; finding it a challenge as well as an opportunity to try out some new ideas. There is a good relationship in the department which now meets regularly.

The enlarged facility will increase the number of services rendered and this in turn will require a larger staff. Therefore the Board must select a certified and qualified social service director, dietician, activities director as well as consultants for maintenance, physical, occupational and speech therapy — etc.

This seemed the appropriate time to write or revise such documents as: handbooks for Residents and Employees; Contracts for Resident Care, Priority and Discount, Nursing Admission; and Policies for Final Care for the Dying, to list a few.

Another change for the Board was the effect on standing committees. Several new committees were added. Among them are the Investment, the Nursing and Medical. The last named is not composed of Board members.

The Publicity and Fund Raising Committee was very busy this year. You, as recipients, are acquainted with the brochures, letters, cards and bulletin covers that keep everyone informed. A colored photo was presented each congregation, Geneva College and the R.P. Seminary. The mailing list is now much more inclusive than formerly.

One committee was promoted. The structural planning was over; the construction had begun; so, the Planning Committee became the Building Committee. Job conferences were scheduled for every week during the building project. The supervision of this project has been done entirely by this committee and the Administrator. Then the decisions concerning the fixtures, the colors, the furnishings within, the brick, the ground cover, the landscaping, the fencing, etc. Today there is tangible evidence; the area speaks for itself.

Another committee with great responsibility both within and without was Personnel and Finance. Many of the various documents mentioned earlier were channeled through this committee. Constant thought is given to keeping resident rates from skyrocketing and employees' salaries and wages adequate. Being alert to recognize opportunities that are sound for improving our financial situation, and preparing a yearly budget are other responsibilities carried out by this committee.

The Interment Committee was asked to investigate the unused burial plots, locate their deeds and assign a dollar value. The last mentioned is practically impossible but the result of the survey is on file. There are 97 plots available which can be added to our assets.

As a part of the 1981 yearly report it was noted that the study of certification requirements for the State Medicaid Program had been made and that the "Utilization Review Plan for the R.P. Home had been accepted and that an Agreement which must be signed with the Department of Public Welfare was authorized." That Agreement has been drawn up and accepted by the Board at a recent meeting.

The above document as well as those mentioned earlier must be clearly and accurately written. For the many helpful suggestions, proof reading and assistance in general much appreciation and many thanks go to John P. Edgar, but this is only the beginning.

As early as March the Board was notified that a hearing would be held May 11th concerning the tax exempt status of the Home with the City of Pittsburgh and County of Allegheny. A letter defending our tax-exempt status and showing the Home to be not only a "charity" but a "public charity" was read. The hearing was postponed for some time. At the September

board meeting it was reported that the Review Board seemed to have a rather negative attitude throughout. John Edgar was well prepared, gave an excellent report; others testified, including Board, Home members, Administration and local representatives. All presented a good case but the Review Board gave little response and set no date for a decision. Individual oral responses received had all been favorable, but nothing in writing was received until December 28th which made the affirmative result official. Many thanks again to Mr. Edgar for his many hours of work on this matter.

Mrs. Faith Martin, President, was the Board representative before Synod. As always she did an excellent job of giving her hearers a true and graphic picture of the Home from every angle. In a prayer later one member spoke of entering the Home as a "thing to look forward to."

The Board wishes to express publically its joy and thanks to Synod for the very happy, understanding relationship that prevails. Not only has the Synod helped in the support of the Home financially but with prayer, encouragement and advice.

II. LIFE WITHIN THE HOME.

Looking forward to the ground-breaking ceremonies, being a part of them and later watching the construction itself was all in all a rather exciting time for those of the Home Family who were able to follow it. There was something new to watch each day and watch they did. There was noise, dirt, interrupted activities at times but there was never any confusion. For the most part it was "business as usual." It can certainly be said there were no ill effects for which many thanks have been given.

A Board committee that has benefited greatly from the Home members themselves and others closely associated with the Home is the Publicity and Fund-Raising. Dr. G.M. Robb, Miss Mildred Boyd and Mrs. Rose Weir did an excellent job of preparing the slide program. These slides show scenes of the first building through all its phases and finally those of the "home-to-be." In addition to the exterior views are those of members, personnel and activities in all areas of Home life. The sound track was the work of an experienced broadcaster and it and the pictures were expertly done. The program has been enthusiastically received wherever presented.

Miss Mildred Boyd has also been the Home Members' correspondent to the Witness. She has done this work well and faithfully for many months. The Board wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to her for this service and to Miss Crawford who has filled in so beautifully when called upon and certainly to Mr. McCrory for his most gracious liberality in allowing us the space in the Witness that he has for publicizing the many activities of the Home program.

The Home family met in the chapel in April to elect the Members' Committee which at a later date would meet to organize and exchange ideas.

The committee elected and officers are: Jean McWhinney, Ch., Mildred Boyd, Sec'y., Ruth Gilmore, G.M. Robb and Alvin Smith. Another election following the death of Mrs. McWhinney resulted in Isabel Crawford's election. A reorganization meeting is planned.

Mrs. Patricia Watters, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors made by Mrs. Virginia Good's resignation. Mrs. Beverly Carson was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Another exciting time for the Home family was the opportunity to choose their new rooms. All were to choose in the order of seniority of years spent as members of the Home from the indicated rooms in the new section or from any unoccupied available room in the older section.

Among the Board connected social activities held at the Home during the year were the Recognition Party for Mr. Sanderson, the McKee Dinner and Donation Day. The Annual Recognition Dinner given for the Employees was enjoyed greatly by all in attendance. May this comment be made here that the Board has long been aware of the blessing that the very capable and concerned employees are to this Home, but this year with all the extra jobs now and then; the interruptions in the regular routine, and the additional inconveniences: they have responded with the same caliber of work and with the same happy, cheerful spirit as always.

The monthly visits made to the Home family have been faithfully carried out. They were special this year when Board meetings were not held at the Home.

Those who became members of the Home family in 1982:

1. Mrs. Lillie Reid Apr. 27, 1983
2. Mr. Walter McClay Nov. 10, 1982

Those taken to their Eternal Home:

1. Mrs. Vida Copeland May 26, 1982
2. Miss Katherine Beyer July 21, 1982
3. Mrs. Inez Dill Sept. 26, 1982
4. Mrs. Jean McWhinney Oct. 29, 1982

The Home residents numbered 46 at the close of 1982. The membership of the Association at press time was 380.

At the reorganization meeting—following election by the Association the Board elected the following officers:

Mrs. Fred (Faith) Martin	President
Mrs. William (Sandra) Johns	Vice President
Miss Adella Lawson	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Ronald (Virginia) Good	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Wendell (Mabel) Hemphill	Treasurer
Mrs. Willard (Shirley) McMillan	Assistant Treasurer

For the Board and Administration 1982 was a year of great activity but as Nehemiah said "Everyone had a mind to work." So with the psalmist we are "advancing still from strength to strength" and claim the promise "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" and declare "hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Thank you for your presence today; your prayers and encouragement throughout the year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

My first year as Administrator of the Home is a year I will never forget. One never relishes the thought of reliving a difficult year, but surely I have learned from experience. As we look back we see progress made in several areas and this means growth for the Home.

As Administrator of the Home my goals remain fourfold: (1) to serve the residents and operate a nice and friendly place for them to live, (2) to give sound and clear directions in management of employees, (3) to provide leadership in all areas of the Home, and (4) to guide the Home in fulfilling its God given commitment to care for the elderly of our church and those around us.

Certainly the most exciting part of 1982 has been the construction of our addition to the Home. It was difficult for us to see the beautiful trees be cut down and the earth plowed up, but this was quickly forgotten as we watched the Annex be demolished and the new construction rise up before us. As we entered the world of construction we soon realized why we are paying over \$4,000,000 for this project. The quality of construction is excellent. I have tried to oversee the details of the construction every day, and we continue to be impressed with the work by Uhl Construction and its subcontractors. As of December 31, 1982, we have built \$3,182,577 worth of building.

The residents have supervised the construction from their windows and this is exciting for them! It is not every day that one watches their home being built. Also, due to the dust and noise, the construction has been sometimes difficult for the residents to handle. They have done extremely well though.

The financial operations of the Home have become more complex than in previous years. Ernst & Whinney continues to guide us in making changes which will help provide necessary financial information to meet third party payment requirements as well as information to help make sound financial decisions. This year was the first year that we billed Medicaid for some of the residents in the intermediate care nursing. We billed Medicaid for about \$14,000 this year and we expect this to increase with the larger volume of people. If you examine our financial report for 1982 you will see that our nonoperating income overcame the operating deficit to enable us to end in the black.

In November of 1982 we were relicensed for intermediate nursing care. Even though we knew we were going to apply for skilled licensure in January, 1983, we were required to have this survey. As we provided nursing care in our old building, we became more aware each day of the need for better facilities and more nursing beds.

Much time was spent this year in preparation for a larger and more complex scope of health care. In April Mr. Jim Neely from Syracuse, New York, arrived to become the Director of Nursing at the Home. Both of us have spent many hours working together to plan the changes that are currently taking place. Dr. Fredric Martin of West Penn Hospital agreed to become Medical Director of the Home in June and this was another major step in preparing for skilled licensure.

As the Home attempted to secure tax exemption on the remaining piece of property on this corner, the city and county authorities asked us to prove our existing property tax exemption. John P. Edgar, our legal counsel, spent much time working on this matter and we are grateful to him for this. By December of 1982 we did receive our tax exemption for all the property on the corner of Perrysville and Burgess.

As we grow, our employee force will grow also. The Home administration realizes that we depend upon our employees to make our home run. An annual dinner was held to express our appreciation.

In 1982, we made agreements with several consultants. The purpose of consultants is to help our staff provide quality health care to our residents in particular areas where we do not have the qualified trained personnel on our staff. Consultants added this year have been Social Service, Dietary, Maintenance, Physical Therapy, and Speech. Just this month we made an agreement with a Medical Records Consultant. We have confidence in all the professional people we have.

A new residential contract and a new nursing contract were both adopted along with a Priority and Discount Agreement. If you know of anybody who is interested in entering the Home please have them write or call me.

There has been much accomplished this year in upgrading our buildings, and we have made changes in procedures where necessary. I thank each member of the Board for their work, and may I say it is still a pleasure to serve the elderly here at the Home. I covet your prayers as we sail forward into uncharted Seas.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Weir
Administrator

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Donald Weilersbacher.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1983, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday, June 29, 1983 at 8:30 a.m. in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Following the singing of Psalm 48B the Court was constituted in prayer by George Price.

The Court was led in the worship of God by Ronald Graham. James D. Carson preached God's Word from Ephesians 4:25-32 on the theme, "The Brother is Forgiving."

An offering of \$424.50 was received to be used to defray the costs of Synod.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was taken up. Item 1 was discussed. The Report was referred back to the Committee for revision.

The Report of the Committee on the Nature of the Visible Church Related To The Sacraments was taken up. Proposition 6, as found in the 1981 Minutes, was rescinded; the new proposition 6 was adopted as amended. The Report was referred back to the Committee.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 4 was adopted. In keeping with Item 4 President Bruce Stewart addressed the Court on behalf of the Seminary. Item 3 was adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The 1982-83 academic year has been a year of challenge and opportunity for the seminary as it seeks to serve the Church by training men to be pastors. While we have been disappointed in our efforts toward regional accreditation, we have also seen God's blessing on many other aspects of our work.

FACULTY AND STAFF

We praise God for the rapid recovery of Dr. Wright from surgery in summer 1982. During his illness, Dr. Spear taught the summer Greek class. Dr. Copeland spent the summer teaching at Sangre del Cristo School of Theology in Colorado, at a Pastors' Refresher Course in Midwest Presbyterian, and in the Phoenix congregation. Dr. Stewart has served as moderator of the North Hills session throughout the year.

During the year, evening and extension courses were taught by Professors Copeland, Stewart, and Wright. Jay Brennan has taught an extension course

in Youth Ministries in Timonium, MD, and Dr. Gregory Beale taught an extension course for the Coalition for Christian Outreach.

STUDENTS

Enrollment has held up well this year, although the number of full-time students is not as high as in some recent years. A total of 59 students have enrolled in courses for credit, and 79 have audited courses. Of the 59 students for credit, 37 attended regular classes on campus; of these, 23 are in the M. Div. program, five in the Diploma program, and nine are Special students. Summer, evening, and extension classes account for 22 for-credit students and 68 auditors.

The following seniors are scheduled to graduate on May 20 with the M. Div. degree: Bill Blackwood (Ohio-Ill. Presbytery), Jim McMahon (Ohio-Ill.), Tim Russell (Pgh. Presbytery), Frank Schutz (Ohio-Ill.), Ken A. Smith (OPC), Bryan Weaver (OPC), James Wittke (PCA), and Rob Miller (New York Presbytery). Joe Dec (Baptist) suffered a heart attack in April and is unable to complete his work at this time. Dr. Roy Blackwood is to be the Commencement speaker.

LIBRARY

The task of reclassifying the Library has gone forward under the capable hand of Librarian Rachel George. We anticipate that this project will be completed by the end of this summer, except for the rare books. Bonnie Chamberlain has been the Assistant Librarian this year, and Amy Spear helped during the summer of 1982.

At the time of our final approval to offer the M.Div. degree, the seminary made a commitment to increase library acquisitions, a commitment which we have not met. Thus we have been buying fewer books each year, and were unable to fill gaps in the basic collection or supply works specifically requested by professors for courses. As an essential "catch-up" measure, the library acquisitions budget was given an additional \$3650 for this year.

BOARD

Those serving as officers of the Board this year include John H. Tweed as President, William H. Russell as Vice-President, Robert M. Copeland as Secretary, and Louis D. Hutmire as Treasurer *ex officio*.

The Synod of 1982 elected Norman Carson to the Board while he was abroad. On his return, Dr. Carson declined the election. The Board, following the policy of Synod, asked the Moderator and Clerk of Synod to appoint a replacement, and suggested the two nominees who received the next-highest vote-count at Synod. J. Donald Birdsall was appointed to fill this unexpired term.

On October 5-6, 1982, the President of the Seminary and the President of the Board attended a Workshop for Theological School Trustees and Chief Executives, conducted by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. This workshop stimulated the thinking of the men who

attended, and will result in some recommendations to the Board. We look forward to participating in further workshops in the same series.

The Board is scheduled to meet May 17, 1983, from which will come our recommendations to Synod and any additions to this report.

ACCREDITATION

As indicated in our 1982 Report to Synod, the seminary moved ahead with plans to seek accreditation with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. On August 17, 1982, President Stewart met with a representative of Middle States, who was generally positive. The institutional planning document applying for "Candidate for Accreditation" status, was presented to Middle States on October 1, and on October 11 a two-member team visited the campus to examine facilities and to talk with students. (Neither visitor was affiliated with a theological seminary.) Their report to the Association was also sent to the seminary, who submitted a written response recognizing the validity of many of the concerns expressed, and making a commitment to improve the curriculum, course syllabi, long-range planning, etc.

However, the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association voted on December 5 to deny Candidate status to the seminary. While we do not at this point fully meet the criteria for full accreditation, the reason for denying Candidacy is the composition of the Board. Unlike other regional accrediting agencies, the Middle States Association states that they absolutely prohibit governing boards which consist entirely of members of the sponsoring denomination or which do not include voting members representative of the student body. Thus they would require that our board include non-RP's in any event. It is also our understanding that, since we admit women and minority students, they would require us to have representatives of women and ethnic minorities on the Board. A representative of Middle States has indicated to us that the composition of the board is an absolute prerequisite for Candidate status. (Once accepted for Candidacy, a school has six years in which to meet the other criteria for accreditation.)

Despite this disappointment, the faculty and trustees are agreed that the total experience has been helpful. It has prodded us to re-examine our efforts and to seek greater excellence in carrying out the seminary's tasks. Many of the recommended changes should be made for the sake of our students and their future ministry, regardless of accreditation. An outside opinion also helps us to see the extent to which, by the grace of God, we are doing many of our tasks well.

At its meeting of May 17, 1983, the board agreed not to pursue the possibility of accreditation with the Middle States Association. Instead, the Board voted that the administration seek more information about the possibilities and ramifications of seeking Associate Membership in the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

The Board also has approved a plan to establish a President's Council, consisting of 8-15 people, to advise and counsel the administration as representatives of the constituency of our non-Reformed Presbyterian students. Members will be appointed annually by the president of the seminary; where possible, they will be selected by action of their own denomination. One delegate from this Council will be invited to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees as a consultative (non-voting) member.

The Board also adopted a motion asking Synod for permission to draft an amendment to the Seminary's Constitution, to provide for some representation from other NAPARC denominations on the board. (See Recommendation 3 below.) In this way, the question of our responsibility to the non-RP constituency will come regularly before Synod, at a time in which we are under no temporal pressure to change the composition of the Board. The administration and the Board recommend this change primarily because it is consistent: (1) within the context of our seminary's statement of purpose, which includes our serving non-RP students in the Western Pennsylvania area who are concerned to attend a seminary which is committed to the Reformed faith and the inerrancy of Scripture; and (2) with our commitment as a denomination to cooperate with other NAPARC denominations.

Recommendations:

1. That since the terms of John H. Tweed and Dale Musselman expire at this meeting of Synod, and since Dale Musselman is ineligible for re-election, the following names be placed in nomination for the class of 1989: John H. Tweed, Stewart M. Lee, John Vincze.
2. That the Seminary be granted \$19,400 from the Undesignated Funds to meet the anticipated deficit for 1983; and that the Seminary be granted \$89,755 from Synod's Budget in 1984.
3. That the Seminary Board be given approval in principle to draft an amendment to the Seminary's Constitution, to provide for some representation from other NAPARC denominations on the Board. The amendment would be presented for approval to the Synod of 1984.
4. That the President of the Seminary be permitted to address the Synod for ten minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Copeland,
Secretary

The Report of the Committee of Presbytery Representatives and Seminary Faculty was taken up and referred to the Committee to Revise the Form of Church Government.

The Report of the National Reform Association was taken up. Items 1-3 were adopted. In keeping with Item 3 M. L. McFarland and Ray Joseph address the Court. The Report was received and appears in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Report of the Delegate to the 1983 National Association of Evangelicals Convention was taken up, received and appears in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Report of the Reformation Translation Fellowship was taken up. The item was adopted. In keeping with this item Charles Chao addressed the Court on behalf of the Fellowship. The Report was received and appears in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Court was recessed in prayer by Roy Adams.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1983, 1:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 86A the Synod was reconvened in prayer by Martin Wilsey.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Judicial Committee as it relates to the matter of the Minutes of the Judicial Commission for the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery was taken up, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Our committee has reviewed the minutes of the Judicial Commission of Synod to deal with matters presented by members of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery. We find nothing which is contrary to the law and order of the church in their minutes. We do note that the minutes of February 15, 1983 failed to record those who were in attendance. However, the moderator has assured our committee that at least a quorum was present. Further, there are a few instances in which the commission assigned correspondence and no record is given as to the carrying out of those assignments. Again the moderator has assured us that the assignments were carried out.

We believe that the commission wisely chose not to include much detail regarding their deliberations. Instead, only the specific actions are recorded. For anyone who would have a reason to know more details, copious notes and, at times, tape recordings were kept.

We recommend that upon the reception of the report of the Judicial Commission of Synod the minutes of the commission be placed on file with the Stated Clerk of Synod, from whom copies may be obtained.

We also recommend that all supporting documents be kept on file with the Stated Clerk of Synod. In as much as these documents were treated by

the commission as privileged communication they would not be made available unless an appeal to the actions of the commission was made.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrold S. Milroy

Isaac VerHage

William Pihl

Kenneth McBurney

Philip Beard

Jack McCready

The Report of the Judicial Commission for the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery was taken up. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. The Report along with the manuscript analysis is as follows:

REPORT AND CONCLUSIONS OF SYNOD'S JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Synod's Judicial Commission to Deal with Matters of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery was appointed by Synod in response to several papers presented to Synod. The Commission was given three specific assignments.:

1. To affirm or disallow the establishment of the new congregation (Covenant Fellowship of Indianapolis).
2. To review the manuscript, **Man's Body, God's Glory**, (authored by Elder Frederick T. Cretors) and take any action appropriate to the peace and welfare of the church and consistent with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America Constitution.
3. To mediate the dispute between several parties in the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery and seek reconciliation between brothers and consistent with truth and righteousness (Colossians 3:12-15) and institute proceedings if deemed necessary.

PROCEDURES

The Commission began its work by dividing up the responsibilities. Two members did an intensive study and evaluation of the Manuscript. Two others reviewed the material presented by various parties in regard to the disputes. The fifth member reviewed the minutes of the Northside Session, the Ad Interim Commissions, the Church Extension Commission and the Presbytery. All the members read the Manuscript and then jointly formulated the analysis which was distributed to the Presbytery and the parties directly concerned.

The Commission then discussed the various issues raised by the several parties and formulated specific questions to be raised with each person or group. These were distributed to the parties and the Presbytery in December.

The Commission went to Indianapolis January 3-8, 1983, and met with the various parties to discuss their answers to the questions.

Upon returning home, the Commission then formulated a series of acknowledgements to be responded to by the particular parties involved in the problems and disputes.

A sub-committee of the Commission went to Indianapolis and to Bloomington to discuss these acknowledgements March 23-24, 1983. Then on March 25, 1983, a quorum of the Commission met with the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery to discuss the Presbytery's acknowledgements. The Commission also called the Presbytery to repent of the divisiveness and party-spirit that marked and marred the Presbytery. The Presbytery (by motion) confessed their sin to God, acknowledged it to the Commission and went to their knees in prayer seeking God's forgiveness. The Commission returned home to evaluate the results of its second trip to Indianapolis and to prepare its preliminary report and conclusions.

This preliminary report with conclusions and directives was sent to all parties on April 19, 1983. On April 28-30, 1983, the Commission met with the Indianapolis parties, contacted the other parties by phone and has received acceptable responses to our directives from all.

We prepared our final report, and directives, as accepted, for distribution to the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery and for presentation to the three Indianapolis congregations and to the 1983 Synod.

OBSERVATIONS

The Commission wishes to acknowledge publicly that we have had a deep sense of the direction of the Holy Spirit in our discussions and conclusions. While we brought different perspectives to the issues before us, we arrived at united judgements.

We wish to note with respect to all concerned including ourselves that believers are always liable to a mix of motives—pious zeal on the one hand, and sinful pride on the other—and to frequent sinful reactions to others' conduct and decisions. Thus, the following judgements and directives are made with the deep realization that they are not infallible. They are the beginning of some measure of justice and reconciliation.

THE MANUSCRIPT

The Commission decided to address the Manuscript first. The Commission's analysis was distributed to all sessions in the Presbytery and to the Indianapolis parties in December. On March 25, 1983, in its meeting with the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery, the Commission declared that the analysis presented in December was its final conclusion.

This analysis is available upon request and is attached to our official report to Synod.

The Commission now presents its conclusions regarding the Manuscript and their implications.

It is the judgement of the Commission that in the development of the Manuscript, Mr. Cretors did not have a malicious intent to teach

error. Insofar as we can determine, Mr. Cretors' purpose was to study Scripture.

We believe that the Manuscript, **Man's Body, God's Glory**, has dealt acceptably with some important issues.

We commend Mr. Cretors for his considerable study of Scripture in which we note the following significant emphases:

1. The unity of the human person—soul and body—as image of God and sharing in the full salvation that Jesus Christ has secured for us.
2. The equality of man and woman as persons sharing the divinely given order of man's headship does not make woman in any way inferior to man.
3. The recognition that sexuality has an important place in the Bible.

However, we believe that the errors in interpretation resulting in the development of the major premise of the Manuscript and the conclusions drawn discredit the whole work. The major premise is that "the form of the male genitals are the physical representation of the trinitarian Godhead. The three parts depict the Father and the Son, side by side, and the Holy Spirit as proceeding out from them." Manuscript 9/12 (changed from past to present tense). The truths he emphasizes are taught in plain passages of the Scripture apart from his analogies. By the analogies, the reader is drawn away from the Scriptures and their power (cf. Mark 12:24) to curious and sensual figures that are extra-Biblical.

Therefore, we believe that it is impossible for the Manuscript to be revised in some partial or incidental way, because any acceptable revision must involve a radical change in presuppositions and methods of interpretation.

We warn Mr. Cretors that he has espoused erroneous principles of interpretation as pointed out in the Commission's analysis and that he has held and has taught speculative error.

It is the further judgement of the Commission that insofar as anyone espouses the methods of interpretation used in this Manuscript, he is not using a sound basis for making proper doctrinal judgements or for teaching; and is, therefore, unqualified to be a teaching or ruling elder in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

We, therefore, direct that the erroneous principles of interpretation, the major premise, and the erroneous conclusions of the Manuscript, **Man's Body, God's Glory**, (1) must not be taught or used in counselling by anyone anywhere privately or publicly; and (2) must not be considered suitable material for further review or criticism.

In addition, we would suggest that the Commission's analysis of the Manuscript is a judgement upon the Northside Session, the Presbytery Study Committee and the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery for failing to deal decisively and conclusively with this material when it was first taught and published.

Ruling and teaching elders should have responded to the underlying principles of interpretation and theology of the Manuscript, more than to the repulsive and speculative analogy. While there were other disruptive issues in the Presbytery, the Manuscript was a major source of division. Its speculative and controversial nature caused much strife. We also believe that Mr. Cretors secretly teaching these concepts over the years was improper especially since he knew they were controversial and that they were objected to by the Moderator of his Session.

While there was a lack of consensus within the Presbytery about Presbytery's restrictions on where the material could be taught, we believe that it is a reasonable assumption that since Ohio-Illinois Presbytery's August 1980 action was that "no one would teach material in that book, or use it in counselling sessions 'til the revised material has been approved by Presbytery," Mr. Cretors should not have taught the material anywhere. We, therefore, declare that it was improper for Mr. Cretors to teach the material in Wisconsin even though it was to a non-Reformed Presbyterian group.

The Commission has called upon all parties to cease discussion of the Manuscript.

THE DISPUTES

Synod Paper 82-8 alleged that within certain churches there has been a tendency toward collegialism and informal episcopal power. This allegation which centered in Dr. Blackwood has been very complex and difficult to unravel. As we studied material presented to us by individuals as well as the various minutes and records, we began to raise specific questions which we addressed to various parties and then formulated acknowledgements which we asked from each party.

Dr. Blackwood is a man of great vision and energy. God has used him in a significant way in establishing and building churches in Indiana. A man's strength can also be his weakness; however, it is our judgement that Dr. Blackwood has not intentionally grasped for power. As a result of our discussions with him, it is our judgement that his zeal for his own vision made him insensitive to others' counsel or caution and not open to their vision or projects. At times, he gave the impression that he knew God's will in a given situation and others did not. We gave him specific instances where we believe he needed to seek forgiveness from others.

At the same time Dr. Blackwood was the pastor of the Northside Congregation, he accepted the appointment as Moderator of Southside and of Columbus while they were under the Church Extension Commission of which he was a member. We judge this to have been unwise as it resulted in an undue concentration of power. It was during this time that the controversy about the Manuscript developed. One action very offensive to the Northside Session was that of the Columbus Session requesting a Presbytery Study Committee. This preempted the Northside Session's dealing with it. Elders Prichard and Bishop acknowledged their responsibility for this and

sought forgiveness from the Northside Session. We believe that Dr. Blackwood as Moderator of session also bore some responsibility in this matter.

Following a series of meetings with the Northside Congregation, the Special Indianapolis Commission appointed by Presbytery in 1980 mandated a one year's leave of absence from the Session for elder Fred Cretors. This was to be from March 1981 to March of 1982. Meantime, the Northside Congregation was discussing rotation of elders. The session adopted a plan which resulted in both Mr. Cretors and Mr. Mullinnix being rotated off the session for two years effective in September of 1981. This, in Mr. Cretors' case, was an overlap in conflict with the Indianapolis Commission's mandated leave of absence. We judge that this was improper, unbrotherly, and a cause of offense to both Mr. Cretors and Mr. Mullinnix. Dr. Blackwood should have prevented this from happening.

In reference to the Manuscript, we commend Dr. Blackwood for his exegesis of crucial passages used in the Manuscript. However, it is our judgement that in discussion Dr. Blackwood has overemphasized the offensiveness of the speculative analogy and failed to question the false underlying interpretation. Further, he accused the Manuscript of supporting a false worship system. The Commission disagreed and counselled Dr. Blackwood to be careful concerning his overreaction to the Manuscript.

In his controversies with Dr. Blackwood, Mr. Mullinnix cited a long history of offenses. We have agreed with him on some points and asked Dr. Blackwood to acknowledge these things. We found, however, that Mr. Mullinnix's frustrations with, and alleged abuses by, Dr. Blackwood had clouded his proper understanding of the role of the pastor. He refused to believe the testimony of elders Prichard and Bishop concerning the origin of the petition from the Columbus Session. Instead, he accused Dr. Blackwood of manipulating these men. Mr. Mullinnix refused to acknowledge that his failure to make known his evaluation of Mr. Cretors' Manuscript was a factor in furthering the breakdown of his relationship with Dr. Blackwood.

Mr. Templeton's conflicts with members of the Southside Session flow out of differing perspectives on authority and counselling. The breakdown in relationships is the responsibility of parties on both sides. Mr. Templeton's failure to be present when the Southside Congregation called a pastor; his insistence on a provision in the pastoral call that was neither required by Scripture, nor the law and order of the Church; and his refusal to sign the call when that requirement was not met were all serious neglects on the part of an elder. Mr. Templeton's refusal to study the Manuscript and make a conclusion about it when it was the cause of so much controversy is a failure in responsibility.

We found a tendency among elders Magill, Prichard and Bishop to conclude that their perspectives or conclusions were the only right ones. This is illustrated by their insensitive pursuit of Mr. Templeton to be reconciled to them.

We commend elders Magill, Prichard and Bishop for their concern for doctrinal truth and their pursuit of the issue of the Manuscript. However, they used inflammatory rhetoric about Mr. Cretors and his Manuscript with this Commission. We were especially concerned that these men insisted that the Manuscript be declared heretical, yet they had not read the entire Manuscript. There is serious question about the propriety of these actions. In addition, they made suggestions and accusations that the new congregation was being formed to harbor the Manuscript. These are serious breaches of conduct for elders.

THE NEW CONGREGATION

We found a number of irregularities in the procedures used in forming the new congregation. After the Presbytery approved the preaching station being established as a congregation, the Presbytery was notified that a petition would be presented to Synod. The Ad Interim Commission was asked by the petitioners not to proceed with the organization until after Synod had acted. The Ad Interim Commission proceeded despite this request. We believe this was technically legal but unbrotherly and put Synod and its Commission in a difficult position in the light of Synod's previous action that disestablishing a congregation requires judicial process. In addition, the Ad Interim Commission advised members of the Northside and Southside congregations in advance that it would receive them upon profession of faith if their Sessions refused to grant them letters of transfer. We believe this was improper.

On their part, the Northside and Southside Sessions refused to grant letters of transfer to members who were not under censure.

Despite these irregularities, and since there has been no appeal protesting the establishment of the congregation, the Commission judged that the establishment of the Covenant Fellowship Congregation should be affirmed, and the congregation allowed to continue.

However, the Covenant Fellowship Session had refused to take a firm position rejecting the errors of Mr. Cretors' Manuscript. Because this indicated a lack of proper judgement and this seemed to add credence to the suspicions of some members of the Presbytery that the congregation was formed to protect the Manuscript, we called upon the Covenant Fellowship Session to reject the errors of the Manuscript as specified by the Commission.

THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTIVES TO THE PARTIES INVOLVED

1. Mr. Cretors to acknowledge and repent of espousing erroneous hermeneutic methods (methods and interpretation); of teaching a speculative error developed in his manuscript, **Man's Body, God's Glory**; of teaching it secretly; of proceeding to teach the material of the Manuscript in Wisconsin after Presbytery had restricted its use.

2. Dr. Blackwood to acknowledge his tendency in some instances to have and to seem to insist on imposing his own interpretation of the will of God.
3. Dr. Blackwood to seek forgiveness from any persons still offended by the Columbus Session's preempting of the Northside Session's responsibility for dealing with the Manuscript.
4. Dr. Blackwood and the Northside Session to seek forgiveness from Mr. Cretors and Mr. Mullinnix for rotating them off the session under the particular circumstances involved.
5. Mr. Mullinnix to repent of his bitterness and to seek forgiveness of elders Blackwood, Bishop and Prichard for refusing to accept their statements about the action of the Columbus Session concerning the Manuscript.
6. Mr. Templeton to seek forgiveness from the Southside Session for his improper actions in regard to the calling of a pastor by the Southside Congregation; and further to acknowledge that, in the light of the considerable controversy in the Indianapolis congregations over the Manuscript, he should have read it.
7. Elders Magill, Bishop and Prichard to repent of their extremist actions with respect to the Manuscript and their insensitive pressure on Mr. Templeton.
8. The Ad Interim Commission to ask forgiveness from the Northside and Southside Sessions for their offensive actions regarding the establishment of the Covenant Fellowship Congregation.
9. The Northside and Southside Sessions to seek forgiveness from their former members who went to the Covenant Fellowship Congregation for failing to grant them "Certificates of Membership and Dismissal."
10. Elders Kincaid, Mullinnix and Templeton to acknowledge the errors in the Manuscript as specified by the Commission.
11. All parties to cease discussion of the Manuscript.

If these directives are followed to the satisfaction of this Judicial Commission, we see no need for instituting formal judicial process.

The Commission received acceptable responses to these directives. We praise God for bringing this about. Mr. Cretors signed the following acknowledgement which was written by the Commission: "I yield to the judgement of the Commission, namely, that I have espoused erroneous principles in interpretation and have taught a speculative error developed in my Manuscript, **Man's Body, God's Glory**. I repent of teaching speculative error and of having taught it secretly. I repent of having taught it in Wisconsin after Presbytery had restricted its use. And further, I repent of the strife and divisiveness that the Manuscript has caused, and I promise not to Teach it or use it in counselling privately or publicly anywhere or to seek review or criticism of any aspect of the Manuscript."

This is a significant beginning of what may be a long process of reconciliation. One means to foster this process of reconciliation would be times of fellowship among the congregations.

Further, the Commission has decided to request Synod to continue it for one additional year to encourage this process.

We offer the following counsel for the careful consideration of the parties involved:

1. That the Northside Session remove Knebel from the Congregation roll.
2. That the Church Extension Commission be reduced to a committee.
3. That the Ad Interim Commission represent all segments of the Presbytery.
4. That Dr. Blackwood be encouraged in his efforts to relocate on the northside of Indianapolis, and concentrate his efforts during the next two years in strengthening the Northside Congregation.
5. That Dr. Blackwood not be appointed to serve on any Presbytery commission or committee for two years, nor serve as an interim moderator for two years.
6. That Mr. Cretors not be eligible to function as a ruling elder for two years.
7. That in light of the great expense of this Commission to Synod, the Northside, Southside and Covenant Fellowship congregations consider making special contributions to Synod's Budget.
8. That there is need for Presbytery, Presbytery's Commissions and Sessions:
 - A. to exercise care in following rules of order from the Book of Church Government and Directory for Worship;
 - B. to word motions and statements clearly and understandably;
 - C. for all members of the body to be interested and concerned that they understand, and can reasonably expect others to understand, the actions taken;
 - D. in case of doubt or misunderstanding, to bring this before the body for clarification;
 - E. to provide and use review and follow-up procedures for the carrying out of actions taken.

There is need for each ruling and teaching elder to be inclined to accept statements and presentations as they appear, and not to pre-judge or impugn ulterior motives until there are recognizable facts to support such judgement.

There is need to be sensitive to the various persons, groups and/or bodies affected by proposals and motions under consideration, so that the effects are given appropriate consideration to the best interests of all.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That this Judicial Commission be continued for one year to encourage the process of reconciliation.
2. That the Report and the Analysis of the Manuscript be received and printed in the **Minutes**.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Since the members of the Covenant Fellowship Session have given acceptable response to Directive 10, the restrictions imposed on the congregation by the Commission at the 1982 Synod shall be removed as of June 27, 1983, and the matters of supplying the pulpit, observing the sacraments and making out a call shall be determined by the Presbytery.
2. In addition to the papers referred to us, the following two items were referred from the Committee to Review the Minutes of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery.
 - A. A special Commission was appointed by the Ad Interim Commission to oversee the new preaching station in Indianapolis. A question was raised by that Commission in its last report (on page 55), concerning the propriety of an action of the Session of the Second Indianapolis ("Northside") Congregation. There is no record of any response to this question.
 - B. On page 63, notice was given by Elder Don Prichard that he will be making a complaint in accord with Book of Discipline chapter 4 paragraph 5. No note was made, whether that complaint was filed or whether Presbytery made provision for hearing the complaint within ten days as required by the Book of Discipline. **WE RECOMMEND** referring this to the Judicial Commission.

We believe those items have been covered in our report and in our conversations and actions with Presbytery.

3. As the Commission continues during this next year to encourage the process of reconciliation, and if our directives are carried through to our satisfaction, we see no need for instituting formal judicial process.

Colossians 3:12-15 (New American Standard)

"And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against any one; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful."

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING THE MANUSCRIPT **MAN'S BODY, GOD'S GLORY**, BY SYNOD'S JUDICIAL COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATIVE TO OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY

The Commission has decided that rather than a detailed intricate response to Mr. Cretors' Manuscript, **Man's Body, God's Glory**, we should deal with the principles of hermeneutics and assumptions, with a few illustrations from the Manuscript. Though this is not an "exhaustive study," it does deal with the root or foundation of the subject presented. We assigned two of our

members the responsibility to make this study. The other members of the Commission have read the Manuscript and studied this analysis. Following several revisions it has been unanimously adopted.

We have organized our brief study in the following way:

- I. Methodology
 - (a) The nature of analogy
 - (b) The failure to distinguish analogy and type
 - (c) The admitted speculation that controls the exegesis
- II. Some false assumptions that lie behind the method
 - (a) Interpretation of Romans 1
 - (b) Failure to see creation norms
- III. Some incorrect definitions
 - (a) Analogy
 - (b) Flesh
 - (c) Holiness
 - (d) Son of Man
 - (e) Testes
- IV. Erroneous exposition
- V. Conclusions
 - I. Method
 - (a) Nature of Analogy

Mr. Cretors fully admits and seeks to defend the fact that a great deal of the thesis of his paper is built on the principle of analogy (1/11, 1/12, et cetera). We suggest that Mr. Cretors misunderstands and misuses the classic hermeneutic principle of the analogy of faith. It must be pointed out that this is a serious charge. The Commission is saying that the methodological foundation of the Manuscript, **M.B.G.D.**, is in error.

The principle of analogy is an important aid in expounding the Scripture. It assumes that the Bible is a self-interpreting book and what is obscure in one passage may be illumined by another. No single obscure or unclear reference of one passage can be allowed to control the interpretation of others. The obscure and unclear texts must be interpreted in the light of those which are plain and positive. The sense of particular passages must be that which rests upon the broad import of some of the more explicit announcements of Scripture. The meaning of these texts must be reasonably clear to unbiased minds. Also, greatest weight must be given to texts in which the subject addressed by the text is not incidental or incidentally noticed but formally treated and discussed. Then we have no doubt that the point on which we seek authoritative deliverance was distinctly in the eye of the biblical writer. Milton Terry in **Biblical Hermeneutics** says, "It [the principle of analogy] cannot govern the interpretation in the exposition of those parts of the Scriptures which are without real parallel . . . For it may justly be inferred from the progress of the doctrine in the Bible that here and there

single revelation of divine truth may have been given in passages where the context furnishes no occasion for development or elaboration.”¹

One illustration from the Manuscript may suffice. Is there a consistent pattern of interpretation of Genesis 24:2, 3, 9 and the meaning of the word “loins” throughout the Bible that makes Mr. Cretors’ conclusion evident? We think not, and in many regards Genesis 24 is his “locus classicus” that controls later exegesis.

(b) The failure to distinguish analogy and type

Furthermore, the claim is made that the “Bible is full of these analogies” (1/9), and that Jesus “made plentiful use of symbols, linking the symbols into analogies to clarify His truths for us” (16/15). The tabernacle, clothing of the priests and Old Testament ceremonies are given as examples (1/9). From this the discussion moves directly to men as the image and likeness of God, and to the conclusion that this likeness may be both in the soul and body of man, therefore, we may understand what God is like by knowing/-seeing man’s body.

A careful study of Exodus 25:8-9; 39:42-43; and ch. 40 together with Hebrews, chapters 7-10, bears out that Scripture calls the tabernacle, the “shadow/copy” of good things to come. But this study shows also that “types” were carefully guarded, both in the making of the Old Testament and in the application in the New Testament. The use of types was carefully controlled and applied. Many interpreters are cautious to the point of considering as types only what Scripture itself uses this way.

In this Manuscript, analogy and type are referred to as if they were one and the same thing. In this way, the analogies drawn are given the authority of Biblical type. If this is to be done (we think it should not be) the author should be as careful in his analogies as the Scripture is in its use of type.

Concerning Jesus’ use of “symbols” and “analogies”—we assume reference is made to his parables—Jesus carefully guarded the interpretation of his parables, giving his own interpretation of certain parables as models (see Matthew 13 and Mark 14). It is a recognized principle for interpretation of parables that each parable has one object which determines the use to be made of details in the parable. Not all details are to be applied in interpreting parables.

(c) The admitted speculation that controls the exegesis

The analogies drawn in this Manuscript are admitted to be speculative by the author:

“The body **may** have symbolic meaning in the analogy between God and man” (1/11).

Image or likeness of God **may** reside in both soul and body (1/11).

“By reference to the burning bush we **may assume** that the indwelling

¹Milton Terry, *Biblical Hermeneutics*, pp. 581-582.

fire of sexuality . . . would have risen to the task required of it and peacefully subsided thereafter, . . ." (15/6).

"May we not **speculate** . . . God's form was unclothed . . . We see God's covering . . . **perhaps** of God's nakedness. . . ." (10/18).

In drawing conclusions, the claim is made that "numerous biblical evidences" have been offered "to confirm" that "in the male body they (the sex organs) are a physical representation of the trinitarian Godhead" (16/17). On the contrary it must be pointed out that, in the examples used, the biblical text in no case suggests the analogies. The analogies are made by the author of the Manuscript not by the author of Scripture. The analogies are frequently drawn by inverting the comparison drawn in the text. For example, in Genesis 1:26-28, the comparison is from God to man; the analogy of the Manuscript is from the form of the male genitals to the Godhead (16/17). Scripture's use of fornication to describe unfaithfulness to God in no way justifies the conclusion that the sex organs are to be considered a part of the parable to be explained, much less that they are a representation of the trinitarian character of God (16/19). In Ephesians 5, the apostle is teaching husbands and wives how to love each other using Christ and the church as model. To turn the comparison around and say that marriage (sexual union) "expressly displayed" that "man can only enter into an eternally blessed relationship with God through Jesus Christ" (15/14) by the Spirit implanted seed (11/13 to 18), is a perversion of the text. Then the claim that these analogies are "the final, authoritative and indisputable proof of the truth of God's arrangements" (16/24) exalts the analogies to the authority of Scripture.

II. False assumptions that lie behind the method

(a) Interpretations of Romans 1

In 2/7, Mr. Cretors tells us of one of his methods of study by defining analogy. "Analogy takes things or persons which are known and observable and infers from them certain facts that would otherwise be unseen or unknown." He then refers to Romans 1:19, 20. The Commission is convinced that Mr. Cretors' method is controlled by a spurious understanding of Romans 1:19, 20.

"Now indeed what do types and analogy and the Bible and Adam and Jesus and the Spirit of God have to do with maleness and femaleness? . . . By the method of analogy, we shall fit together all the evidence we can find from these sources. If the factors from each illustration closely correspond with the others, without any significant contradiction, we may reasonably assume we have arrived at a goodly measure of God's truth in the matter" (2/7 & 8).

It is our conviction that Mr. Cretors misuses the message of Romans 1:19-20. Paul stressed that the gospel is the only way to be acceptable before God. Then the question is raised, by implication, what about those who do not know the gospel? God continues to make Himself known by means of general revelation in nature, history and conscience. Romans 1:19-20 is not

speaking about analogy but that the unbeliever, surrounded by evidence of God's existence and attributes, especially His infinite power, adorable goodness and wisdom, refuses to acknowledge Him. The argument is not that the heavens, rocks, trees "are like" some attribute or essence of the Godhead. But in the light of the effect assuming a cause they display in a general way the existence of God. Furthermore, both John Murray and Charles Hodge suggest that "manifest in them" does not mean that something in man's body and/or soul is revelatory. "It is plain that the apostle is dealing with that which God makes manifest to men and is known by men from the work of creation. Paul is simply saying by the phrase (manifest in them) that the revelation always presupposes a mind and heart."² Hodge says: "'in them' here more properly means in their minds."³ If revelation is to be "manifest in us," it presupposes something in us, namely a mind and heart that can perceive the revelation.

Mr. Cretors has not even mentioned the major message of Romans 1:19-20 and then he has twisted it to support the whole notion of making analogy from the human body in general and parts in particular. The question of analogy as an interpretative method is not Paul's theme, and further two of the most respected Reformed expositors question whether "manifest in them" is referring in any sense to the body or soul of man as part of that revelation. It should be carefully noted that if the Commission's interpretation of this passage is correct and Mr. Cretors' wrong, then a major foundation for Mr. Cretors' thesis has been removed.

(b) Failure to see creation norms

Throughout the Manuscript there is a failure to see that the Scriptures consistently root their view of maleness and femaleness, sexuality, marriage, family, state in creation norms. The reason for the "high fence around sexual intercourse" is not something that we need to speculate about because fornication, adultery, homosexuality are sins against creation's intention, Genesis 2:24. Yet, the Manuscript (4/7) tries to speculate and suggest that the "high fence" around sexual intercourse is because of the revelatory nature of the genitals. In (4/12), Mr. Cretors suggests one reason for not permitting sexual intercourse outside marriage is for "the sake of our knowledge of God." The Scripture gives us a clear reason—it is contrary to creation intention (not so from the beginning). The same failure to appreciate this hermeneutic principle is frequently true throughout the Manuscript even when dealing with homosexuality. But one other illustration of the failure to see creation institutions and norms is in (13/8). "By God's establishment **and from the experience in the Garden**, the family, the church and the state eventually came into being to govern the life of mankind." Though this failure to see the creation order is not in itself a fatal

²John Murray, *Epistle Romans*, p. 38.

³Hodge, *Commentary on Epistle to Romans*, p. 56.

error, it may be part of what leads to the fanciful interpretation of some aspects of that order.

III. Incorrect definition of words

The author indulges in defining words in a manner that suits his use but has no support in recognized dictionaries and lexicons.

(a) The most obvious instance is his definition of “analogy” as of Greek origin meaning “a word from above” and pressing it further to a word from God (1/8). The Arndt-Gingrich Lexicon defines the Greek word as “in agreement with,” “in proportion to.” In other words an analogy is a form of comparison that puts one thing beside another, rather than a reference to the source of the idea being from above. The use of this arbitrary definition is to give Divine authority to the arbitrary analogy that since man is made in the image of God he bears in his body the visible representation of the Trinity, a reversion of the Biblical comparison.

(b) The claim is made (4/7) that “flesh” in Hebrew is derived from a word meaning “fresh”; quoting Job 33:25, “His flesh shall be fresher than a child’s” in support. There is no lexicographical connection between the words for “flesh” and “fresh.” The roots are entirely different, and there is no traceable connection between them either in the roots or in their meanings.

(c) The “original root sense” of “holiness” is said to be “wholeness” (16/26), so that “holiness becomes for us the integration of body and soul into a harmony of wholeness” (16/30). The root in both Hebrew and Greek means “separated,” “consecrated,” “devoted”; and that is the meaning given in English dictionaries. We find no reference to “wholeness” in any study of the word.

(d) “Son of Man” is used in reference to the manhood of Jesus (5/15, 9/4), whereas it is a reference by Jesus to Himself as the glorious, heavenly Savior of His people from Satan and all his host, based on the explanation of Daniel’s vision (7:13). (See G. Vos, **The Self-Disclosure of Jesus.**)

(e) “Testes” is said to come from the Latin root that means “to testify.” Cassel’s Latin Dictionary by the use of an Arabic 1 and 2 indicates that the roots are different.

These examples of mistaken and arbitrary definition or use of words witness to an overzealous attempt by the author to support tenuous arguments.

IV. Erroneous exposition

(a) A primary rule of exegesis is that a passage is to be explained grammatically and historically within its context and the details developed in proportion to the theme of the passage.

An important part of the argument that the male sexual organs portray the glory of God is taken from a comparative study of Genesis 24, Jeremiah 13 and Ezekiel 1:26-28.

This study concentrates on the manner of swearing an oath—placement

of the hand “under the thigh” of Abraham (Genesis 24), Jeremiah’s loins, (Jeremiah 13) and the glory of God, said to emanate from the loins of the “appearance of a man” = God (Ezekiel 1:26-28). In Genesis 24, the oath is a minor detail. The subject of the passage is God’s provision of a wife for Isaac through the servant of Abraham acting in trust upon God to lead him to the right woman. The subject in Jeremiah 13 is the girdle, not the loins of Jeremiah and the prophetic word given from the object lesson of the rotted girdle. In Ezekiel, the theme is the vision of the glory of God in appearance of a man whose whole body glows like fire. (It is incorrect to say that the glory comes from/emanates from the loins as its source.)

The concentration on the minor details has distorted each of the passages and obliterated the intended message, ignoring the contexts which ultimately demand attention to the covenantal, history-of-redemption significance of each passage.

A second error would have been avoided if the author had used an analytical concordance (Young or Strong). He would have discovered that the word translated “loins” in Jeremiah 13 and Ezekiel 1 is never used in reference to procreation of which he makes considerable emphasis. There is another word that is used in this manner in Genesis 46:26; I Kings 8:19, quoted in Acts and referred to in this Manuscript. The word used by Jeremiah and Ezekiel is defined in the Lexicon as “the sides of the back where sackcloth is worn,” as in Isaiah 20:2, et cetera. Symbolically, it represents physical strength, but not virility, II Chronicles 10:10; Job 40:16; Psalm 69:23. Thus, the author has imported into his discussion of Jeremiah 13 and Ezekiel 1 the idea that the mention of loins is representative of sexuality, a matter really foreign to both passages.

- (b) A second basic principle of exegesis is that every passage must be handled according to its literary form: history, poetry, parable, prophecy, et cetera.

The book of Esther is sober history, relating how God saved His people from destruction by the hand of Mordecai and Esther. Chapter 10 gives special notice to the place of Mordecai rather than to Esther, thus, pointing to the covenantal, history-of-redemption function of the book.

In the Manuscript, the book of Esther is treated in a wholly allegorical manner (12/18ff) after the model of the Alexandrian School. For example:

Ahasuerus = God; Christ’s headship;

harem = the people of God;

Vashti’s refusal = mankind’s rebellion against God, et cetera. This method has been totally rejected in Reformed circles.

- (c) Scripture has a single sense. It cannot be both figurative and plain. The interpreter never has the freedom to interpret an historical passage in a figurative manner.

The prophecy in Isaiah 20 in which Isaiah went barefoot and naked is a sign that Egypt and Ethiopia would be taken captive to Assyria “naked and

barefoot." This is sober, plain prophecy of what was to come and the manner in which it would be carried out.

The author of the Manuscript says "His nakedness for them (Egypt) was a symbol of their sin of disobedience to God, that God of which the exposed genitals are a picture." (10/21)

Verses 5 and 6 direct the reason for giving the prophecy to Judah, to warn her against going to the aid of the Philistine cities, and that her trust in Egypt was sadly misplaced (cf. Isaiah 31:1-3; see Young's Commentary). Nothing is said in the passage of a symbolic meaning for Egypt. Again the literary form has been ignored and the plain has been made figurative.

(d) Prophetic passages are to be interpreted in respect to the eschatological period to which they refer.

Isaiah 56 is a description of salvation in the Messianic age introduced in chapter 54 upon the basis of the Servant's making himself a sin offering. That salvation is to transcend the ceremonial restrictions of the Old Covenant, i.e. exclusion of the foreigner and the eunuch.

The interpretation given to this passage in the Manuscript ignores this context beginning in chapter 53 and again imports the analogy of sexuality into the passage. "Eunuchs . . . were to be given a place and a name in the heavens that was better than that of sons who had not suffered such a loss" (11/9). The passage is dealing with the church on earth, not the reward to be given in heaven, though what happens in the church certainly has eternal consequences.

The kind of analogy and symbolic interpretation used in this Manuscript violates the canons of interpretation which have characterized Evangelical theology since the Reformation; it makes symbolical what is plain and thus obliterates the plain truth of Scripture for a fanciful allegory imposed on the text.

An example of this is seen in, "Perhaps the only excuse for polygamy, or many wives, was to illustrate that Christ as a bridegroom would have many persons comprising the church as His bride" (4/12). In the context of this sentence there is a good discussion of the sin of polygamy and adultery. Hence, the analogy is utterly meaningless. It seems to illustrate the author's strong inclination to make analogies.

The Manuscript is lacking in serious grammatical-historical exegesis; not one example of covenantal analysis of the material or application within the covenant framework of revelation can be found.

The Manuscript also treats the analogy found in circumcision. "If the Old Testament seal is to bear any relationship to the one in the New Testament, then the flesh into which the seal was cut would be representative of the Holy Spirit . . . The male sexual member completes the physical portrayal of God's trinitarian form on earth" (11/10). However, when circumcision is studied in the covenant framework of revelation and with a careful use of the immediate historic context, quite another picture emerges.

Several recent scholars recognize that the dismembering ritual like that described in Genesis 15 is the juridical and historical context for understanding the cutting off rite of circumcision. It is clear that the primary symbolism is that of oath-curse by which the sons of Abraham confessed themselves under the authority and thus the sword of God Almighty (Joshua 5:13, Romans 13:4, Revelations 19:15-16). In Genesis 17, we have the primary passage where the stress is on the judgement of excision from the covenant relationship. Verse 14 of the passage sounds the threat. Those who break the covenant by not being circumcised "shall be cut off." From this point on the Scripture will use the idiom of cutting a covenant as an unmistakable allusion to sacrifice and the rite of circumcision.

The further symbolism of circumcision which can be traced in Scripture is that of consecration. There is no Scriptural evidence that even alludes to the rite being associated with the revelatory nature of the male genitalia or having anything to do with nakedness. In Jeremiah 4:4, Israel is commanded "Circumcise yourselves to the Lord." Again in Leviticus 19:23-25 in the law of the fruit tree, the first three years were uncircumcised. The fruit of the fourth year was to be offered as consecration to the Lord and then it was no longer uncircumcised.

The other passages in the context for the exegetical understanding of circumcision are Genesis 21 and 22. Isaac, the son of the promise, was circumcised on the eighth day (21:4). But later God summoned Abraham to take up the knife and "cut him off" from the land of the living. This act of consecration was to be complete. Isaac's flesh was to be cut off and consumed in the fire of the altar. This was the infliction in reality of the curse symbolized by the ordinary means of circumcision. How can there be a fulfillment of the covenant made to Abraham, how can Isaac be consecrated to the Lord in service if he must die? The answer is found in the backdrop of Genesis 15. It was God himself who took the oath of self-malediction. He would undergo the covenant curse in order that this servant might know the promise and blessing.

Thus, Abraham comprehends in measure on Mount Moriah what God meant when he stopped the knife of execution and showed him Isaac's substitute. What God had declared Himself ready to do (Genesis 15) He now by the ram intimates that He will do. Read together with Genesis 15 and 17, Genesis 22 gives us contextual **revelation** concerning the mystery of circumcision. The circumcision of God is the crucifixion of His only begotten Son (Colossians 3:11). So, Paul in Colossians completes the symbolism as a putting off, not merely of a token part, but of the whole body of flesh through death (Colossians 2:11). It is not just a symbol, but a cutting off of the "body of his flesh through death" (Colossians 1:22). In Colossians 2, Paul interprets circumcision as a dying or death. In verse 11 and 12, note the sequence "circumcision, burial/resurrection." Circumcision is then a Christian's judicial death in Jesus Christ. So, it is to the non-elect the sign of judgement or curse and to the elect the sign of blessing.

When interpreting Colossians 2, Mr. Cretors says, "Paul appears to be expressing a relationship between the sexual organs and salvation" (c/13). Circumcision completed in Christ's death is the symbol of the judicial foundation for salvation. The symbolism is rooted in the act itself, **not** in the organ operated upon.

Paul traces the import of justification beyond justification to sanctification. The inevitable result of our judicial circumcision death in Christ is the death of the old man. So the spiritual transformation of Colossians 2:11ff and Colossians 3:5-9 is manifest in the life of believers so when the consecration sworn in the circumcision oath is fulfilled in the redemptive principle, **then** it becomes a heart consecration. So, it is especially important for us to note that various organs are spoken of as the circumcision of the heart, i.e. lips, ears. (Romans 2:25-29; Leviticus 26, 41; Deuteronomy 10:16; Jeremiah 4:4)⁴

Mr. Cretors fails to root his understanding of circumcision in the total context of Genesis 15-17, 22, and to properly interpret its symbolic fulfillment in Colossians 2. This treatment of circumcision is an illustration of a previous assumption controlling exegesis. The assumption is that the male sexual organs are a physical image and glory of the three persons of the Godhead. Men after the fall worshipped themselves. "What portion of themselves did they worship? It was their genital organs . . . The truth of God which their genitals were to represent was distorted into a false picture" (15/12 & 12). Speaking again of the sexual organs, Mr. Cretors says: "their significance and sacred character arise wholly from What and Whom they represent" (15/18). This speculative assumption then controls Mr. Cretors' interpretation of circumcision.

"The other major symbolic reference to the Trinity comes in circumcision, God's sign and seal, in the flesh, of His covenant to be man's God. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is said to be the seal of God's agreement with man. If the Old Testament seal is to bear any relationship to the one in the New Testament, then the flesh into which the seal was cut would be representative of the Holy Spirit. The male sexual member completes the physical portrayal of God's trinitarian form on earth . . . The cutting away of the foreskin stripped off the barrier between a man's eyes and this fleshly image of God the Spirit in him" (11/10 & 12).

As we have already mentioned, context must control interpretation. Mr. Cretors has completely missed the immediate context that gives cogent support to the proper symbolism of circumcision.

CONCLUSIONS

It is the judgement of the Commission that in the development of the Manuscript, Mr. Cretors did not have a malicious intent to teach error. Insofar as we can determine, Mr. Cretors' purpose was to study Scripture.

⁴Some of these ideas are from Meredith Kline.

We believe that the Manuscript, **Man's Body, God's Glory**, has dealt acceptably with some important issues.

We commend Mr. Cretors for his considerable study of Scripture in which we note the following significant emphases:

1. The unity of the human person—soul and body—as image of God and sharing in the full salvation that Jesus Christ has secured for us.
2. The equality of man and woman as persons sharing the divinely given order of man's headship does not make woman in any way inferior to man.
3. The recognition that sexuality has an important place in the Bible.

However, we believe that the errors in interpretation resulting in the development of the major premise of the Manuscript and the conclusions drawn discredit the whole work. The major premise is that "the form of the male genitals are the physical representation of the trinitarian Godhead. The three parts depict the Father and the Son, side-by-side, and the Holy spirit as proceeding out from them." Manuscript 9/12 (changed from past to present tense). The truths he emphasizes are taught in plain passages of the Scripture apart from his analogies. By the analogies, the reader is drawn away from the Scriptures and their power (cf. Mark 12:24) to curious and sensual figures that are extra-Biblical.

Therefore, we believe that it is impossible for the Manuscript to be revised in some partial or incidental way, because any acceptable revision must involve a radical change in presuppositions and methods of interpretation.

We warn Mr. Cretors he has espoused erroneous principles of interpretation as pointed out in the Commission's analysis and that he has held and has taught speculative error.

It is the further judgement of the Commission that insofar as anyone espouses the methods of interpretation used in this Manuscript, he is not using a sound basis for making proper doctrinal judgements or for teaching; and is, therefore, unqualified to be a teaching or ruling elder in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

We, therefore, direct that the erroneous principles of interpretation, the major premise, and the erroneous conclusions of the Manuscript, **Man's Body, God's Glory**, (1) must not be taught or used in counselling by anyone anywhere privately or publicly; and (2) must not be considered suitable material for further review or criticism.

The Commission has called upon all parties to cease discussion of the Manuscript.

The Synod by applause expressed its thanks to the Commission for a job well done. The Clerk was instructed to send flowers to Mrs. Erna Fenchel as an expression of thanks to her for her fine work in her secretarial assistance to the commission. The Court gave thanks to God for the work of reconciliation which has been started by God's grace as

a result of and through this Commission's work by prayer by Paul Wright. The Court then sang Psalm 133.

The Report of the Graduate Study Fund was taken up, adopted, referred to the Committee on Finance, and **■** as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDY FUND COMMITTEE

Your Committee has had two requests for funds to help with graduate study from teaching elders who see such study as a help to them in developing their ministry to the church. You are reminded that the conditions for such aid are set forth in the **1977 Minutes of Synod**, pp. 71, 72.

Paul Martin has been accepted as a D.Min. candidate at Westminster Theological Seminary West. His costs for tuition for the academic year 1983-84 will be \$1200.

Jonathan Watt has been accepted in a graduate program in Linguistics at the University of Pittsburgh. His costs for tuition in 1984 will be \$920.

Your Committee has examined the applications of each of the men above, and would recommend that their proposed programs be supported.

Therefore, it would be our recommendation to the Synod that an item of \$1800 be included in the 1984 Synod's Budget so that in the year 1984 forgivable loans of \$900 each be granted to Paul Martin and Jonathan Watt for their programs of graduate study.

Respectfully submitted,
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Issac E. VerHage
Bruce C. Stewart, Chm.

The following special resolution was received and referred to the Board of Education and Publication for recommendation: That Synod authorize work to begin on a new "Sketches of Covenanter Ministers" book and that: a. a target date of 1988 be set for publication; b. that John O. Edgar be appointed for this work, assisted by Paul E. Faris; c. that priority for work be as follows: deceased ministers, ministers who have left the church, retired ministers, active ministers, licentiates; d. that historical material be included similar to that in the books of 1930 and 1963; e. that a progress report be given at each Synod.

The Report of the Committee to Study the Use of Uninspired Religious Hymns or Portions of Scripture was taken up. A minority report was presented.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Edward Hindman.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1983, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Thursday, June 30, 1983, at 8:30 a.m. in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Following the singing of Psalm 84A the Court was constituted in prayer by Vernon Bender.

The Court was led in the Worship of God by Kenneth Hoffman. John Tweed preached God's Word from Ephesians 4:1-6 on the theme "The Brother is Patient."

The Minutes were read, amended and approved.

The following resolution was adopted: That the Moderator and clerk by letter express the Court's thanks to the Session of the College Hill Congregation for their patience and support as three of their elders were involved in the work of the Commission for the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery.

The Report of the Committee on Long Range Financial Planning was taken up. Items 1-5 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING

To the Synod of 1983

Your committee has continued through this past year to wrestle with some difficult financial problems facing the Reformed Presbyterian Church. We have attempted to return constantly to the stated purpose of the assignment to the committee: "to give guidance to the Finance Committee of Synod in making recommendations to Synod about the allocation of funds and the amount of Synod's annual budget."

Following are six areas of concern to this committee. Each area is presented with an explanatory paragraph. Each area also has recommendations for the Synod of 1983.

1.0 GUIDANCE FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Each year the respective Boards of our denomination are asked to bring to a synod their budgets for the following year. Each board is asked to consider its work carefully, and to propose programs and funding which are considered to be beneficial to the R.P. Church. Each synod asks the Finance Committee to evaluate the program and the budget of each board; and then to present to each synod a unified budget for our denomination. This is not an easy task. The question to this committee then is what kind of help can we give to the Finance Committee as it seeks to decide upon an appropriate budget to recommend to the Synod.

Our Committee recommends the following:

1. That the procedures used in previous years be continued with the Finance Committee giving consideration to the following:
 - a. Perceived need in each case. Other sources of funds should be considered first. Other sources would include: tuition, room and board rates, Presbytery support, congregation support, subscription rates, and endowment income.

- b. Recognition of present commitments. Such commitments may continue for a long time. Examples of such commitments are: foreign missions, new congregations, pension funding.
- c. Recognition that Boards and programs will have greater financial needs at different times (presently the needs of the building program of the Woman's Association).
- e. The importance of adequate funding for existing programs. If it can be demonstrated that a new work will better serve the advancement of Christ's Kingdom than the continuation of an old work, fund the new work; otherwise, fund the old work adequately.

2.0 GUIDANCE FOR THE PENSION BOARD TRUSTEES

Our committee has examined as thoroughly as we are able the work and the needs of the Pension Board. Our committee appreciates the work of the members of the Pension Board. We have one problem in our pension system which may already be corrected, but if not corrected, it should be. It seems a serious problem when the auditors of the denominational financial records are unable to give a clear approval of our pension system because of the absence of adequate actuarial study and report by the Board. There has also been a history of later-than-necessary reporting to participants in the plan.

Our Committee recommends the following:

- 2. That the Pension Board implement the following:
 - a. present to the Synod of 1984 a comprehensive actuarial evaluation of our pension system, to be prepared in consultation with professional pension fund consultant with no previous association with the Board.
 - b. the retention of a financial consultant to review our pension investment plans, and to make any recommendations for improvement.
 - c. provide annually to the Synod a list of investments and transactions covering that year's transactions.
 - d. provide each participant with a year-end statement of his account no later than March 15 of the following year.

3.0 GUIDANCE CONCERNING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Synods have found it wise to limit the period of service on most boards and permanent committees to two full terms. This arrangement allows the talents of many to be used for the benefit of the whole denomination. However, there are several boards which need highly skilled people and specialized knowledge which only a limited number of people have acquired. It is, therefore, desirable that special attention and care be given to supply these talented people to the Board which needs their expertise. Such persons may be named as consultants if they are not able to serve in a formal capacity.

Our Committee recommends the following:

- 3. That the Nomination Committee implement the following:

- a. the nomination of persons to the Board of Trustees of the Synod be from those persons who have personal experience and expertise in investment matters, and some awareness of the finances of our denomination.
- b. the nomination of persons to the Pension Board be from persons who have personal experience and expertise in pensions and insurance matters, and some awareness of the finances of our denomination.

4.0 GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE CONTRIBUTED BUDGET

The term "Synod's Budget" is not one which seems to excite much interest of urgency in denominational giving. Because of a desire for budgetary efficiency, our denominational budget has lost its personal appeal. To protect efficiency, and yet to encourage more personal appeal, our committee makes the following recommendation:

4. That the Stewardship Committee continue to give attention to ways in which each participant in Synod's Budget can receive adequate funding, and yet encourage a more personal interest in both the special, and general work of our denomination.

Your committee recognizes that probably increased funding from this approach would be moderate, but coupled with other improvements in our total denominational picture would be helpful.

5.0 GUIDANCE TO THE BOARDS OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

On previous occasions synods have suggested to the Home and Foreign Mission boards to consider a merger. This has not to this time been possible. Now, however, because our presbyteries are taking over more of the responsibilities once handled by the Home Board, and because of the potential independence of the Japan Commission, a merger may be in order.

Our Committee makes the following recommendations:

5. That the Synod of 1983 appoint a committee of five persons to reconsider a merger of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. We recommend that the committee to consider this matter be composed of one member of the present Home Board, and one member of the present Foreign Board, and three members from the Synod of 1983. This committee would be asked to deal with this one question of merging the mission Boards. The report from this committee would come to the Synod of 1984.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin C. Clarke

James D. Carson

Edward A. Robson

Joseph Lamont, Jr.

John Tweed

Robert Copeland

William Long

The following resolution was adopted: that the Committee on Long Range Financial Planning be thanked and dismissed.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was taken up. Item 1 was adopted. In connection with this item the graduate Study Fund request for \$1800 is to be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund-1984. Items 2-10 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee voted to recommend a funding level of \$300,000 for Synod's Contributed Budget in 1984. This represents an increase of approximately 16% over the average annual contributions of \$258,297 received for the past three years.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (a) That Synod's Contributed Budget for 1984 be approved as shown in the column "1984 Recommended Grant" on the chart below:

	1983		1984	
	Request	Granted	Request	Recom. Grant
Educ. & Public.	\$ 78,600	\$ 76,000	\$105,055	\$ 70,000
Foreign Missions	106,390	90,000	100,000	62,000
Geneva College	30,000	22,000	30,000	15,000
Graduate Study			1,800	—0—
Home Missions	16,089	10,000	27,673	20,000
Pensions	53,560	50,000	58,100	36,000
Seminary	82,825	60,000	89,755	60,000
Woman's Assoc.	16,000	12,000	20,000	12,000
Misc. Fund	13,915	15,000	32,215	25,000
Totals	\$397,379	\$335,000	\$464,598	\$300,000

- (b) That any 1984 budget surplus be distributed proportionately to each department based on the budget amount granted.

2. That the Undesignated Funds of Synod be distributed as listed below:

	Request	Recom. Grant
Computer	\$ 15,000	—0—
Geneva College	36,000*	\$ 18,000
Pensions	13,000**	13,000
Seminary	19,400	9,000
Woman's Assoc.		13,000
Synod's Budg. Def.	43,500	43,500
	\$126,900	\$ 96,500

*50% of the MacLaughlin Trust Income

**Per Recommendation #3 of the Pension Board for services in preparing a new tax-sheltered pension plan.

3. That Synod declare that each year on the Sabbath before Thanksgiving, all congregations receive a special offering to help support the denominational programs (Synod's Budget).
4. That a temporary committee consisting of John Duke, Howard Elliott, Robert Catloth and Robert Finley be established to assist the Stewardship Committee of the Trustees of Synod in developing a program for increasing the giving to Synod's Budget. John Duke would be the liaison between the Trustees and the Committee.
5. That Synod authorize the Board of Education and Publications to deficit spend in their revolving fund per their 1983-84 budget (page 5 of the Treasurer's Report) to allow for the printing of 5,000 Psalters which will cost approximately \$29,500.
6. That the 1984 Unallocated Denominational Office Expense of \$73,600 be approved (see page 31 of the Treasurer's Report).
7. That the Trustees of Synod Audit Report for 1982 be accepted and included in the **Minutes**.
8. That the 1984 salaries for Synod's employees be set as follows:

Denominational Treasurer, Louis Hutmire	\$25,200
Director of Pub., Donald McCrory	21,020
Director of Ed. Services & Youth Ministries, Robert McFarland	23,225
9. That the 1982 Treasurer's Report be accepted.
10. That the Travel Fund assessment for 1984 be set at \$8.00 per communicant member.

Charles Archer
 John Duke, Chairman
 D. Howard Elliott
 Robert Finley
 Florence Lynn
 Paul McDonald
 William Metcalfe
 John Rogers

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees of the Synod of the
Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

We have examined the financial statements and supplemental schedules of the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (the "Trustees") as of December 31, 1982 and 1981 and for the years then ended, listed in the accompanying index. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 7 to the financial statements, pension benefits incurred under Pension Plan "A" have been charged to expense and investment income and net gain on investment transactions have been credited to revenue. In our opinion, generally accepted accounting principles require that amounts charged to pension expense be determined in accordance with Opinion No. 8 of the Accounting Principles Board, that pension benefits incurred be charged against the pension fund balance, and that investment income and net gain on investment transactions be credited to the pension fund balance. Use of actuarially determined costs would have resulted in an increase in pension expense and a decrease in the unrestricted-designated fund balance of approximately \$133,000 in each of the years ended December 31, 1982 and 1981.

In our opinion, except for the effects of not accounting for pension costs in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as discussed in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Trustees at December 31, 1982 and 1981 and the results of their operations and the changes in their fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Our examinations were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules listed in the accompanying index are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effect on the supplemental schedule of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances of the designated fund and on the supplemental balance sheet of the designated fund of not accounting for pension expense in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as explained in the second preceding paragraph, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Delotte Hoskins & Sells

April 8, 1983

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1982

ASSETS	NOTES	EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- OPERATING		PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS		TOTAL FUNDS
		UNDESIGNATED	RESTRICTED		ENDOWMENT	ANNUITY AND LIFE INCOME	
Cash (including passbook savings accounts of \$2,216 and certifi- cate of deposit of \$12,500)		\$ (45,300)	\$ 50,882			\$ 37,246	\$ 62,347
Accounts and notes receivable	1	16,933	19,434			910	48,729
Contributions receivable			34,607				34,607
Accrued investment income receivable	1		30,238			7,582	46,235
Deferred student aid receivable	1		107,986				107,986
Inventories	1		31,659				31,659
Investments	1,2	87,601	313,030			543,660	3,272,190
Building loans receivable	3		282,121				282,121
Property and equipment - net	1,4			\$93,545			93,545
Other assets	6		52,583				52,583
TOTAL		\$ 59,234	\$922,540	\$93,545	\$1,606,934	\$588,488	\$4,032,002
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED RESTRICTED AMOUNTS AND FUND BALANCES							
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6		\$ 27,658			\$ 38,483	\$ 66,141
Mortgage payable			15,984				15,984
Payable to denomination-related organizations	1,5					59,554	755,088
Total liabilities			43,642			98,037	837,213
Deferred restricted amounts	1,5					490,451	556,178
Fund balances:							
Unrestricted:							
Designated			878,898	\$93,545			972,443
Undesignated		\$ 59,234					59,234
Restricted							
Total fund balances		59,234	878,898	93,545	\$1,606,934		1,606,934
TOTAL		\$ 59,234	\$922,540	\$93,545	\$1,606,934	\$588,488	\$4,032,002

See notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1981

ASSETS	NOTES	EXPENDABLE FUNDS --		PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS		TOTAL FUNDS
		UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED		ENDOWMENT	ANNUITY AND LIFE INCOME	
Cash (including passbook savings accounts of \$1,631 and certifi- cate of deposit of \$12,500)		\$ 14,054	\$ (74,146)			\$ 36,743	\$ 56,465
Accounts and notes receivable	1	4,322	39,624			122	61,571
Contributions receivable			45,210				49,532
Accrued investment income receivable			29,461				46,322
Deferred student aid receivable	1		97,282			7,365	97,282
Investments	1		37,701				37,701
Investments	1,2	155,930	328,754		\$1,483,307	507,513	3,202,132
Building loans receivable	3		274,990				274,990
Property and equipment - net	1,4			\$96,230			96,230
Other assets	6		45,183				45,183
TOTAL		\$174,306	\$823,659	\$96,230	\$1,483,307	\$551,743	\$3,967,408
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED RESTRICTED							
AMOUNTS AND FUND BALANCES							
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6	\$ 18,376	\$ 8,270			\$ 39,755	\$ 66,404
Mortgage payable			16,522				16,522
Payable to denomination-related organizations	1,5		24,792			54,655	825,753
Total liabilities		<u>18,376</u>	<u>67,062</u>			<u>94,410</u>	<u>908,679</u>
Deferred restricted amounts	1,5					657,333	574,395
Fund balances:							
Unrestricted:							
Designated:			798,867	\$96,230			895,097
Undesignated		155,930					155,930
Restricted		<u>155,930</u>	<u>798,867</u>	<u>96,230</u>	<u>\$1,483,307</u>		<u>1,483,307</u>
Total fund balances					<u>1,483,307</u>		<u>2,534,334</u>
TOTAL		\$174,306	\$823,659	\$96,230	\$1,483,307	\$551,743	\$3,967,408

See notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES,
CAPITAL ADDITIONS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982

	NOTES	EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- OPERATING			PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
		UNDESIGNATED	RESTRICTED	DESIGNATED			
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:							
Contributions to Synod's budget				\$256,500			\$ 256,500
Other contributions				38,215			38,215
Bequests		\$ 75,627		54,555			130,182
Investment income		64,526		175,536			249,406
Sales of publications, etc.				44,127			44,127
Tuition, fees and assessments				99,357			99,357
Net gain on investment transactions				31,295			31,295
Rental income				24,593			24,593
Other income		25		122,279			123,639
Total		140,178		848,457			1,000,144
EXPENSES:							
Home mission				77,055			77,055
Theological seminary				222,195	\$ 9,802		231,997
For mission				180,553			180,553
Education and publication				112,513	560		113,073
Pensions				185,135			185,135
Grants		78,000					78,000
Miscellaneous		277					96,295
General office and administration		58,082			470		58,552
Total		136,359		861,960	10,832		1,020,660
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE CAPITAL ADDITIONS, ETC.		3,819		(13,503)	(10,832)		(20,516)
CAPITAL ADDITIONS - Net gain on investment transactions						\$ 123,627	123,627
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS:							
From undesignated for designated activities		(99,780)		99,780			
From unrestricted for equipment acquisitions		(1,901)		(6,246)	8,147		
From annuity and life income - deferred to undesignated	5	1,166					1,166
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		155,930		798,867	96,230	1,483,307	2,534,334
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR		\$ 59,234		\$ 878,898	\$ 93,545	\$ 1,606,936	\$ 2,638,611

See notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES,
CAPITAL ADDITIONS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1981

	EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- OPERATING		PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED			
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:					
Contributions to Synod's budget	\$ 24,000	\$ 236,650			\$ 260,650
Other contributions	5,000	44,797			49,797
Bequests	99,822	3,472			103,294
Investment income	65,076	174,996			246,162
Sales of publications, etc.		41,743		\$ 6,090	41,743
Tuition, fees and assessments		118,904			118,904
Net gain on investment transactions	79,227	9,773			89,000
Rental income		19,265			19,265
Other income	11	83,486			83,497
Total	273,136	733,086			1,012,312
EXPENSES:					
Home mission		69,524			69,524
Theological seminary		217,069	\$ 9,197		226,266
Foreign mission		196,050			196,050
Education and publication		99,109	538		99,647
Pensions		174,745			174,745
Grants	101,000				101,000
Miscellaneous	24,000	60,285			90,375
General office and administration	54,130		331		54,461
Total	179,130	814,782	10,066		1,010,068
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE CAPITAL ADDITIONS, ETC.	94,006	(81,696)	(10,066)		2,244
CAPITAL ADDITIONS - Net gain on investment transactions				\$ 142,426	142,426
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS:					
From undesignated for designated activities	(71,234)	71,234			
From unrestricted for equipment acquisitions	(700)	(3,647)		4,347	
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	133,838	812,976	101,949	1,340,881	2,389,664
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$155,930	\$798,862	\$ 96,230	\$1,483,307	\$2,534,334

See notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General - The financial statements of the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (the "Trustees"), a non-profit corporation organized in Pennsylvania, have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Presentation - The Synod is the highest court in the denomination known as the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The Trustees hold title to property and are responsible to the Synod for managing and reporting on the financial condition of the denomination. The financial activities are accomplished through various boards and committees of the Synod. Congregations and domestic and foreign missions are sanctioned by the Synod through such boards and seven regional Presbyteries. The accompanying financial statements include the assets, liabilities, fund balances and financial activities of the Trustees and of various boards and committees, including the Theological Seminary.

Although sanctioned by the Synod, domestic congregations and missions and foreign mission fields of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America do not have financial accountability to the Trustees. Accordingly, the assets, liabilities, fund balances and financial activities of such organizations are not included in the accompanying financial statements, although the Trustees hold title to certain assets of active domestic missions and congregations and in foreign mission fields. Further, funds disbursed in support of domestic and foreign mission fields are charged to expense in the accompanying financial statements.

Funds - The accounts of the Trustees are classified for accounting purposes into funds, established according to their nature and purpose. These accounts (or individual funds) have been grouped in the accompanying financial statements in accordance with certain characteristics as explained below.

- . Expendable funds - operating, consisting of the following:
 - .. Undesignated funds, representing expendable unrestricted funds which are available, at the discretion of the Synod, for support of any operations, functions or other matters.

- .. Designated funds, representing expendable unrestricted funds which have been designated by the Synod, through the establishment of various boards, for investment and revenue support of a particular purpose or program. Revenues earned from investment of such funds also are designated for use.
- .. Restricted funds which have been designated by donors, grantors or other outside parties for support of particular purposes.
- . Property and equipment fund, representing the total carrying value of real estate, buildings, library, fixtures and equipment, substantially all of which are designated by the Synod for use as a Theological Seminary.
- . Nonexpendable funds, consisting of the following:
 - .. Endowment funds (including term endowments) that are subject to restrictions of gift instruments or of other means of conveyance requiring in perpetuity, or until the occurrence of some remote event, that the principal be invested and only the income used.
 - .. Annuity and life income funds that are subject to agreements whereby assets are made available to the Trustees on the condition that the Trustees be bound to pay to the donor or other designated person or organization a stipulated amount or the income earned on fund assets for a period of time specified in the agreements. The balances in such funds are reported as deferred restricted amounts and any excesses of income over required disbursements are generally reported as unrestricted income. Under the terms of certain agreements, denomination-related organizations have directed the Trustees to reinvest income earned on fund assets to which they are otherwise entitled to receive. The total amount of such income reinvested is reported as payable to denomination-related organizations.
 - .. Custodian funds that represent funds received by the Trustees from congregations, Presbyteries and other denomination-related organizations which are invested solely for the benefit of and are returnable upon request to such sources. Such funds are reported as payable to denomination-related organizations.

Expendable Operating Restricted Resources - Operating funds which have been restricted by the donor, grantor or other outside party for particular operating purposes are deemed to be earned and reported as revenues of expendable operating restricted funds to the extent the Trustees have incurred expenditures in compliance with the specific restrictions. Amounts received but not yet earned are reported as deferred restricted amounts.

Property and Equipment - Land, buildings and improvements, and furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost or estimated fair value at date of gift. Proceeds from sale of fixed assets are transferred to expendable operating unrestricted funds. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis.

Investments - Investments are recorded at the lower of cost (or fair market value at date of gift) or market. Net realized gain or loss on disposition of investments is the difference between the proceeds received and the average cost of investments sold.

Substantially all investments are pooled and allocation of income (ordinarily income and gains and losses upon sale or other disposition of investments) to the various funds is accomplished using the market value unit method. Substantially all ordinary income from investments of endowment funds is restricted for support of particular purposes. These purposes are usually broad enough to be encompassed within one of the designated boards of the Synod.

Other Matters - Inventories (principally religious publications) are carried at the lower of average cost or market.

Contributions received during early January from congregations and individuals are recorded as receivables when such amounts relate to the prior year's budget. Such contributions are recorded as expendable operating funds, unrestricted.

Advances made to eligible seminary students for payment of tuition or related expenses (deferred student aid receivable) are recorded as a deferred charge and are amortized to expense, usually over a period of five years from the date that the graduate seminarian begins service for the Synod.

2. INVESTMENTS

The market values of investments by fund group are as follows at December 31, 1982 and 1981:

Fund Group	Market Values - December 31	
	1982	1981
Expendable funds - operating:		
Unrestricted - undesignated	\$ 138,705	\$ 222,099
Unrestricted - designated	495,644	467,693
Restricted	100,172	17,668
Nonexpendable funds:		
Endowment	2,474,704	2,030,302
Annuity and life income	860,818	722,878
Custodian	1,041,387	1,017,875
Total	<u>\$5,111,430</u>	<u>\$4,478,515</u>

Investments at December 31, 1982 and 1981 are composed of the following:

	1982		1981	
	Carrying Value	Market Value	Carrying Value	Market Value
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 285,328	\$ 269,969	\$ 296,137	\$ 231,054
Corporate common stocks	1,269,372	3,242,747	1,256,958	2,918,266
Corporate bonds	1,149,532	986,205	1,220,523	900,681
Corporate pre-ferred stocks	82,758	83,625		
General mortgages receivable	290,884	290,884	234,198	234,198
Investment in real estate	194,316	238,000	194,316	194,316
Total	<u>\$3,272,190</u>	<u>\$5,111,430</u>	<u>\$3,202,132</u>	<u>\$4,478,515</u>

General mortgages receivable are due over periods from one to twenty years and bear annual interest ranging from 5% to 15%. The aggregate annual amounts of maturities of general mortgages receivable at December 31, 1982 are as follows:

1983	\$ 58,490
1984	36,916
1985	35,732
1986	40,505
1987	35,677
After 1987	83,564
Total	<u>\$290,884</u>

The general mortgages receivable at December 31, 1982 and 1981 are due from the following groups:

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
Denomination - related organizations	\$100,000	\$111,000
Congregations of the denomination	77,468	46,437
Ministers of the denomination	56,525	57,983
Members of the denomination	12,046	16,930
Commercial	44,845	1,848
Total	<u>\$290,884</u>	<u>\$234,198</u>

The following summarizes the changes in relationships between carrying values and market values of investments for the years ended December 31, 1982 and 1981:

	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation</u>	
			<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
December 31, 1982	<u>\$3,272,190</u>	<u>\$5,111,430</u>	\$1,839,240	
December 31, 1981	<u>\$3,202,132</u>	<u>\$4,478,515</u>	1,276,383	\$1,276,383
January 1, 1981	<u>\$3,056,925</u>	<u>\$4,781,692</u>		<u>1,724,767</u>
Increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation for the year			562,857	(448,384)
Realized net gain for the year			<u>219,921</u>	<u>101,289</u>
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation for the year			<u>\$ 782,778</u>	<u>\$ (347,095)</u>

During the years ended December 31, 1982 and 1981, the average annual yield on investments excluding realized net gains (calculated by dividing total dividends, interest, and net rental income earned on investments during the year by the average of the beginning of the year and end of the year carrying value of investments) was 10.7% and 11.3%, respectively, and the annual total return (calculated by dividing total dividends, interest, net rental income and realized net gains earned on investments during the year by the average of the beginning of the year and end of the year carrying value of investments) was 17.5% and 20.1%, respectively.

3. BUILDING LOANS RECEIVABLE

Substantially all of the building loans receivable at December 31, 1982 and 1981 have been granted by the Building Loan Committee at interest rates ranging from 1%

to 13% for the purchase or construction of residences or church buildings. Such loans are generally made to either ministers, employees of the Synod, or congregations. At December 31, 1982 and 1981 the composition of the balances receivable were due from:

	December 31	
	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
Congregations and denominational boards	\$155,882	\$138,458
Ministers of the denomination	107,224	115,917
Employees of the Synod	8,889	9,900
Other	10,126	10,715
Total	<u>\$282,121</u>	<u>\$274,990</u>

4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The components of property and equipment at December 31, 1982 and 1981 are as follows:

	December 31	
	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
Buildings and improvements	\$210,203	\$210,203
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	29,524	24,061
Total	<u>239,727</u>	<u>234,264</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	146,182	138,034
Property and equipment - net	<u>\$ 93,545</u>	<u>\$ 96,230</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 1982 and 1981 totaled \$10,832 and \$10,066, respectively.

5. CHANGES IN DEFERRED RESTRICTED AMOUNTS AND IN PAYABLE TO DENOMINATION-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

	Expendable Funds Deferred Restricted	Life Income Funds Annuity and Payables	Deferred	Custodian Funds - Payables
Balances at January 1, 1981	\$ 55,108	\$52,585	\$444,026	\$ 773,822
Additions:				
Contributions				3,388
Investment income	6,311	3,746	38,288	59,516
Net gains on investment transactions	198	2,088	13,792	28,776
Other income	15,479			
Deductions-funds expended	(10,034)	(3,764)	(38,773)	(52,632)
Withdrawals				(41,772)
Balances at December 31, 1981	67,062	54,655	457,333	771,098

Additions:				
Investment income	9,344	3,835	39,563	53,288
Net gains on investment transactions	830	4,717	32,474	61,450
Deductions-funds expended	(11,509)	(3,653)	(37,753)	(190,302)
Transfer to unrestricted undesignated			(1,166)	
Balances at December 31, 1982	<u>\$ 65,727</u>	<u>\$59,554</u>	<u>\$490,451</u>	<u>\$ 695,534</u>

6. EASTON MISSION PROPERTY

At December 31, 1982, \$25,449 included in other assets represents the net realizable value of property to which the Trustees hold title which was formerly used by the Easton Mission which was closed in 1980. The property is encumbered by a mortgage payable with a balance of \$15,984 at December 31, 1982 (\$16,522 at December 31, 1981). The mortgage is payable in installments of approximately \$160 per month, including interest at 8 3/4%. The Trustees are in the process of selling the property, the proceeds of which will be applied against the mortgage indebtedness.

7. PENSION PLANS

There are two pension plans (Plan "A" and Plan "B") which were adopted effective January 1, 1974 and together cover all ministers, missionaries and employees of the Synod. Reasonably comprehensive actuarial reports and valuations had not been available for Plan "B" or for Plan "A" prior to January 1, 1981. Accordingly, the amounts, if any, of past service cost, vested benefits, "normal" cost and accrued pension fund liability have not been determined for Plan "B" or for Plan "A" prior to 1981. In the case of Plan "B", however, the final determination of such amounts is not expected to have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

During 1981 the Trustees obtained a valuation for Plan "A" as of January 1, 1981 which determined the pension costs for 1981, vested benefits and accrued pension fund liability computed on the basis of accepted actuarial methods. The Trustees continue, however, to charge pension benefits to expense as incurred and to credit investment income and net gain on investment transactions to revenue. Generally accepted accounting principles require that pension expense be determined in accordance with Opinion No. 8 of the Accounting Principles Board, that pension benefits incurred be charged against the pension fund balance, and that investment income and net gain on investment transactions be

credited to the pension fund balance. Use of the actuarially determined costs for the years ended December 31, 1982 and 1981 would have resulted in an increase in pension expense and a decrease in the unrestricted-designated fund balance of approximately \$133,000 in each year. A further description of the two pension plans and the related accounting policies follows:

Plan "A" - Plan "A" is non-contributory and covers basically ministers, missionaries and employees of the Synod who were age 55 and over on January 1, 1974, the date of adoption of the plan. This plan is self-administered and pension benefits, which are charged to pension expense, are substantially all paid from ordinary investment income or from proceeds of sales of certain investments. The accompanying financial statements include the following assets, fund balances and revenue and expense amounts related to Plan "A":

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Unrestricted designated</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>December 31, 1982</u>			
Cash and receivables	\$ (6,576)		\$ (6,576)
Investments, at carrying value	<u>155,226</u>	<u>\$144,805</u>	<u>300,031</u>
Total assets and fund balances	<u>\$148,650</u>	<u>\$144,805</u>	<u>\$293,455</u>
<u>December 31, 1981</u>			
Cash and receivables	\$ (3,045)		\$ (3,045)
Investments, at carrying value	<u>181,006</u>	<u>\$132,181</u>	<u>313,187</u>
Total assets and fund balances	<u>\$177,961</u>	<u>\$132,181</u>	<u>\$310,142</u>

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, ETC.

	<u>Unrestricted designated</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Year Ended December 31, 1982</u>			
Investment income, etc.	<u>\$ 26,127*</u>		<u>\$ 26,127</u>
Net gain on investment transactions	<u>\$ 14,220</u>	<u>\$12,624</u>	<u>\$ 26,844</u>
Pensions expense (pension benefits paid)	<u>\$109,658</u>		<u>\$109,658</u>

Year Ended December 31, 1981

Investment income, etc.	<u>\$34,464 *</u>		<u>\$34,464</u>
Net gain on investment transactions	<u>\$ 5,146</u>	<u>\$4,779</u>	<u>\$ 9,925</u>
Pensions expense (pension benefits paid)	<u>\$99,799</u>		<u>\$99,799</u>

* Includes \$15,420 and \$14,395 in 1982 and 1981, respectively, earned on endowment fund assets.

As of the most recent valuation (January 1, 1981), the present value of accumulated vested benefits approximated \$914,000 and the market value of the net assets available for plan benefits approximated \$406,000. A 7% assumed rate of return was used in determining the present value of accumulated vested benefits. There are no non-vested accumulated benefits.

Plan "B"

Plan "B" is contributory and covers substantially all ministers, missionaries and employees of the Synod who are not covered under Plan "A". Total pension expense for the years ended December 31, 1982 and 1981 was \$49,460 and \$50,332, respectively, which includes amortization of past service cost over an average period of approximately 25 years, and is recorded under unrestricted-designated. The Trustees' policy is to fund pension costs accrued. Plan "B" is administered and the funds are invested by the Pension Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The estimated amount of vested benefits as of December 31, 1982 is less than the amount of the net assets of Plan "B".

8. CONTINGENT ASSETS

Approximately \$599,000 of assets are held in blocked accounts in Cyprus. The assets consist of \$33,000 in cash and \$566,000 in mortgages receivable. The government of Cyprus has authorized the Trustees to remove from Cyprus, on an annual basis, 5,000 Cypriot pounds (\$10,250 at current exchange rates) plus interest earned on the assets. Because of the restrictions imposed on these assets and the uncertainty with regard to their realization, they are not recorded as assets by the Trustees until received. Approximately \$65,200 and \$15,800 were received in 1982 and 1981, respectively.

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Trustees have co-signed a mortgage with the Westminster, Colorado congregation for the purchase of property for that congregation. The unpaid principal balance of the mortgage at December 31, 1982 is approximately \$51,300.

On January 1, 1982, the Trustees entered into a credit agreement with the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association to lend up to \$750,000 to the Association over the next four years. As part of this agreement, the Trustees have deposited with a bank approximately \$240,000 of investments (with a market value at December 31, 1982 of \$1,179,000) as a guarantee of performance.

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TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
DECEMBER 31, 1982

ASSETS	EXPENDABLE FUNDS - UNRESTRICTED DESIGNATED	EXPENDABLE FUNDS - OPERATING RESTRICTED	PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
Cash	\$ 23,268	\$13,151			\$ 36,419
Accounts and notes receivable	2,321				2,321
Contributions receivable	7,496				7,496
Accrued investment income receivable	4,294				4,294
Deferred student aid receivable	107,986				107,986
Investments	108,719	14,997	\$89,050	\$344,809	468,525
Property and equipment - net			\$89,050		89,050
TOTAL	<u>\$254,084</u>	<u>\$28,148</u>	<u>\$89,050</u>	<u>\$344,809</u>	<u>\$716,091</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED RESTRICTED AMOUNTS AND FUND BALANCES					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,098				\$ 4,098
Deferred restricted amounts		\$28,148			28,148
Fund balances:					
Unrestricted - designated	249,986		\$89,050		339,036
Restricted			89,050	\$344,809	344,809
Total	<u>249,986</u>		<u>89,050</u>	<u>344,809</u>	<u>683,845</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$254,084</u>	<u>\$28,148</u>	<u>\$89,050</u>	<u>\$344,809</u>	<u>\$716,091</u>

NOTE - The assets, liabilities, deferred restricted amounts and fund balances are presented in accordance with the classifications in the Trustees' financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1982

COMMON STOCK	Shares	Securities	Carrying Value	Market Value
		<u>Utility Group</u>		
2,400		American Tele. & Teleg.	\$ 80,930.02	\$ 142,500
200		Cincinnati Gas & Electric	3,150.00	3,725
1,719		Commonwealth Edison Co.	12,122.50	43,405
1,350		General Tele. & Electronics	41,581.75	56,025
500		Kansas Power & Light	7,812.50	12,063
352		Public Service Elect. & Gas	8,096.00	8,184
3,200		Texas Utilities	69,689.54	75,200
3,000		Wisconsin Elect. & Power	64,736.50	68,250
			<u>288,118.81</u>	<u>409,352</u>
		<u>Financial Group</u>		
1,939		Chase Manhattan Bank	25,400.00	95,011
769		Fifth Third Bancorp	36,527.50	47,678
4,000		Pittsburgh National Corp.	63,399.88	128,500
1,002		Republic Fin. Serv., Inc.	24,298.50	45,591
			<u>149,625.88</u>	<u>316,780</u>
		<u>Consumer & Service</u>		
1,568		Amstar	2,872.90	39,396
200		Carnation	8,825.00	8,825
5,000		Carter Hawley Hale Stores	68,424.25	78,125
1,000		Colgate Palmolive	24,374.86	19,625
8,000		Dun & Bradstreet	6,360.00	788,000
1,000		General Foods	41,688.95	39,625
300		Genuine Parts Company	7,500.00	13,575
4,160		H. J. Heinz Company	61,243.66	167,960

COMMON STOCK Number Shares	Securities	Carrying Value	Market Value
	<u>Consumer & Service (con'd)</u>		
460	J. C. Penney Company	13,168.00	22,253
1,600	Sears Roebuck & Company	53,677.11	48,200
		<u>288,134.73</u>	<u>1,225,584</u>
	<u>Energy Group</u>		
3,355	Gulf Oil Corporation	13,923.25	99,811
1,800	Pennzoil Company	4,725.00	63,225
1,800	Standard Oil of Indiana	38,219.24	71,550
1,400	Union Oil of California	52,850.00	37,275
		<u>109,717.49</u>	<u>271,861</u>
	<u>Basic & Industry</u>		
2,100	General Electric Company	67,259.25	199,238
1,000	General Motors Corporation	13,650.00	62,375
1,200	Joy Manufacturing	3,680.00	28,350
700	Weyerhaeuser	21,317.89	25,200
		<u>105,907.14</u>	<u>315,163</u>
	<u>Technology Group</u>		
5,600	Abbott Laboratories	62,669.70	217,000
1,192	Eastman Kodak, Inc.	4,660.72	102,512
1,828	Intern'l. Business Machines	111,704.69	175,945
300	Minnesota Mining & Manuf.	17,776.45	22,500
2,000	Smith Kline	27,946.93	138,000
1,000	Xerox	93,247.75	37,375
		<u>318,006.24</u>	<u>693,332</u>
	COMMON STOCK TOTALS	1,259,510.29	3,232,072
PREFERRED STOCK Number Shares			
3,000	United Technologies 2.55	82,757.53	83,625

BONDS

Securities	Interest Rate	Date of Purchase	Par Value	Maturity Date	Carrying Value	Market Value
American Sugar Company	5.300	10/63	15M	1993	\$ 13,381.11	\$ 8,700
Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co.	4.375	02/64	20M	1985	17,163.83	17,950
Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co.	5.500	01/77	10M	1997	7,675.00	6,163
Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co.	7.125	01/77	15M	2003	14,587.00	10,125
Bell Telephone of PA	6.750	04/68	5M	2008	5,040.15	2,950
Bethlehem Steel	5.400	01/77	10M	1992	8,400.00	5,500
Burlington Industries	5.000	01/77	10M	1991	8,900.00	7,600
Carolina Power & Light	8.750	02/70	50M	2000	50,875.00	36,625
CashFund					99,563.34	99,563
Conoco, Inc	7.500	02/70	40M	1999	39,000.00	27,950
Delmarva Power & Light	8.750	02/70	50M	2000	50,375.00	37,750
Duke Power Company	7.000	06/69	25M	1999	23,176.84	15,813
Federal Home Loan	14.550	06/82	100M	1985	100,687.50	109,312
Federal Natl. Mortgage	14.250	06/82	100M	1985	99,812.50	108,187
Ford Motor Credit	8.625	01/77	10M	1983	10,500.00	9,963
General Tel. of Florida	8.625	02/70	40M	2000	39,892.00	29,350
Georgia Power	8.625	04/70	50M	2000	48,500.00	35,875
Hawaiian Electric	9.000	01/77	20M	2000	20,800.00	14,475
Household Finance Corp.	8.300	03/76	25M	1986	25,593.75	23,031
Houston Light. & Power	7.500	06/69	10M	1999	10,208.33	6,650
Marathon Oil Company	8.500	02/70	40M	2000	40,400.00	29,350
Massachusetts Electric	7.625	06/69	10M	1999	9,822.01	6,738
Minnesota Min. & Manuf.	8.200	06/75	25M	1985	25,500.00	23,906
Minneapolis Electric	8.200	06/75	25M	1985	25,500.00	23,906
Mobil Corporation	8.500	02/77	25M	2001	25,712.50	19,500
Monongahela Power Co.	5.500	04/66	5M	1996	5,016.94	2,938
Monsanto Company	8.000	07/75	25M	1985	25,379.03	23,688
New York Telephone Co.	7.500	05/69	25M	2009	24,192.88	16,188
Northern States Power	6.125	02/70	50M	1995	40,000.00	32,250
Ohio Edison Company	8.250	10/69	10M	1999	10,231.25	6,600
Pacific Gas & Electric	4.500	01/77	9M	1986	6,986.00	7,256
Pfizer Incorporated	4.000	03/72	25M	1997	26,687.50	36,188
Phila. Electric & Power	4.500	02/70	50M	1994	32,812.50	24,750
Pub. Service of Colorado	5.875	02/70	50M	1997	38,500.00	29,188
So. Calif. Edison Co.	6.375	02/70	40M	1993	34,100.00	27,900
Union Electric Company	8.250	02/70	50M	1999	49,000.00	32,938
Virginia Electric & Power	9.000	05/70	24M	2000	24,060.00	17,820
Wisconsin Electric & Power	5.000	02/70	50M	1990	36,000.00	34,750
Xerox	6.000	10/70	1M	1995	1,000.00	725

Securities	Interest Rate	Date of Purchase	Par Value	Maturity Date	Carrying Value	Market Value
U.S. Treasury Notes	8.000	09/76	50M	1986	\$ 50,020.00	\$ 47,235
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.250	02/77	50M	1984	48,508.00	49,156
U.S. Treasury Bonds	7.500	06/79	210M	1993	186,800.00	173,578
					<u>1,434,859.96</u>	<u>1,256,174</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS

	Carrying Value	Market Value
Common Stock	\$1,259,510.29	\$3,232,072
Preferred Stock	82,757.53	83,625
Bonds	1,434,859.96	1,256,174
Total Pooled Investments	<u>2,777,127.78</u>	<u>4,571,871</u>

SEMINARY (F.B. TIBBY) SECURITIES

200 Exxon	5,675.00	5,950
200 Consolidated Natl. Gas	4,188.00	4,725
Total Sem. Sec.	<u>9,863.00</u>	<u>10,675</u>
TOTAL SECURITIES, 12/31/82	<u>\$2,786,990.78</u>	<u>\$4,582,546</u>

The Report of the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study was taken up. Item 1A was laid on the table. Items 1BCDE and 2 were adopted. Item 3 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Items 4 and 5 were adopted.

The Nominating Committee presented the ballot for further nominations. Nominations were closed.

The Court took recess in prayer by Robert Mann.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1983, 1:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 48B the Court was reconvened in prayer by James Morton.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes were read and approved.

After prayer by Bruce Martin the Court voted for people to fill the vacancies on Boards and Permanent Committees.

The Report of the Board of Education and Publication was taken up. Item 1 was adopted. In keeping with that item Donald McCrory, Director of Publications, and Robert McFarland, Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries, addressed the Court. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 3 was adopted. Item 4 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 5 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 6 was adopted. The Report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

The Board of Education and Publication has experienced an exciting and enjoyable year as we carried out the work before us. We have been blessed with sound professional leadership from both of the directors serving under this Board. Mr. Donald McCrory continues to serve well as the Director of Publications and Rev. Robert McFarland is making excellent progress and inroads as the Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries. We have also received excellent service from the office staff, namely Miss Lori Sterrett and Mr. Frank Schutz.

The Board has been very encouraged in the development of the new position of Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries. To accommodate this new position and to better expedite the work of this Board a number of changes have been made in the By-Laws of this Board and the subcommittee structure by which this Board operates. The By-Laws were changed to properly identify the work of each of our directors and to better describe their individual functions. There are now two subcommittees of the Board—the Publications Committee which oversees the work of publications and the work of denominational witness; and, the Education and

Youth Committee which oversees the finding and/or development of educational materials, the supervision of the denominational conferences, and the development of summer training programs for young people.

PUBLICATIONS

The Board of Education and Publication is very pleased with the work of Mr. Donald McCrory. He continues to exert wise and prudent leadership in his office as Director of Publications. Under his direction the **Covenanter Witness** is fresh, appealing, and useful, the other publications are printed according to schedule, orders are filled quickly, and a good inventory of the stock is maintained. Mr. McCrory also did an excellent job as trip coordinator and RPCNA liaison for the Covenanter Holiday Convention in Ireland.

The **Covenanter Witness** continues to fulfill its purpose as our denominational magazine. In his editorials, Mr. McCrory speaks forthrightly on current topics of interest and concern in the church. The selection of materials seems to present a true picture of the pulse-beat of the church. An "Every-Household Plan" has been set by the Board and it came into effect this year. The plan is basically (1) a 10% discount on every subscription where every household of the congregation subscribes to the **Covenanter Witness**, (2) a 15% discount where every household of a congregation subscribes and all subscriptions are sent in bulk to one address, and (3) a 50% discount for the first year when an "Every Household Plan" congregation gives a subscription to new members. Projecting that this plan will increase the number of subscriptions for the **Covenanter Witness**, we are able to keep the subscription cost the same for this year as it was for last year.

The Book of Psalms for Singing has been approved by the Board for another printing. The Board has authorized the printing of 5,000 copies which will sell for \$10.95 through our catalogue and offer up to a 40% discount on quantity orders. This will be the 5th edition of this Psalter and it continues to be one of the most popular items in the catalogue.

The Minutes of Synod and Yearbook will be sold for \$5.00 per copy this year. Last year the Board set the price so as to reflect the actual cost of printing, but the sales were so drastically reduced that the Board decided to return to the former method of pricing. This means that the actual cost of the minutes above the purchase price will be borne by Synod. The Board has authorized the printing of 600 copies of the **Minutes**.

A new **Crown and Covenant Catalogue** will be ready, hopefully by this meeting of Synod. It will list the current items available along with current prices.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Rev. Robert McFarland began his work as Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries in January. Mr. McFarland has set before the Board a statement of goals and objectives which shows insight and vision for his position in the church. Already Mr. McFarland has visited many of the

congregations, spoke at a Mission Day Convocation, visited and spoke at the Aged Peoples Home in Pittsburgh, and attended an International Christian Leadership Training Conference, the N.A.E. Convention and a seminar by Allen Curry at Great Commission Publications.

The Board is working on the development of Junior and Youth Educational Materials. Various assignments have been given out and Mr. McFarland is working closely with these contributors. Our goal is to have the first two quarters of this curriculum ready by the end of this year.

The Board is actively working on the 1984 Carleton Conference. Various jobs have been assigned and Mr. McFarland is working with these people to structure a program for the conference. The Board is anticipating that there will only be a "skeleton meeting" of Synod at the Carleton Conference and is planning accordingly.

FINANCES

The Board of Education and Publication's revised budget for 1983 and our proposed budget for 1984 are based on continuation of present services in the face of ever increasing costs. Our financial report is attached to the end of this report.

VARIA

The Board wishes to take note of the dedication and service rendered on the Board's behalf by Mr. Charles McBurney at the Irish Conference. Mr. McBurney put together a slide presentation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America with each congregation being represented and shown in some way. In appreciation for this service the Board presented Mr. McBurney with a framed cross-stitch which was created by Mrs. Jerri Faris.

Two of our Board Members have completed their terms of service and are not eligible for re-election according to Synod's two term limitation rule. These two are Dr. Roy Adams and Mr. Joe Copeland. Both of these men have served the Board well. One other member, Dr. Norman Carson, is completing his first term at this meeting of Synod, but he is eligible for re-election to the Board.

The make-up of the Board of Education and Publication is:

- Class of 83—Roy Adams
Norman Carson, Vice-President
Joe Copeland
- Class of 84—Jerri Faris
Robert McKissick
William Simons, Secretary
- Class of 85—Wendell McBurney
Willard McMillan
Isaac VerHage, President

Recommendations:

1. That Mr. Donald McCrory, Director of Publications, and Rev. Robert McFarland, Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries, be given five minutes each to address the Synod.
2. That the salaries for the full-time employees of the Board of Education and Publication be increased for 1984 by 5% over that of 1983 and that it include a \$400.00 pension as a fringe benefit.
3. That the Synod grant the Board of Education and Publication an advance of up to \$3,000.00 to energize the 1984 Carleton Conference.
4. That Synod approve the Board's proposed budget for 1984 and also designate \$15,990 from undesignated funds to balance our 1983 budget.
5. That the names of Phil Beard, Norman Carson (incumbent), Jerry O'Neill, Rachel Roberts, Bob Willson, and Chris Wright be placed in nomination for the Class of 1986.
6. That this report be accepted as the Board of Education and Publication's report to the 1983 meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Isaac VerHage, President
William Simons, Secretary

The Report of the Constitutional Committee for Deaconal Ministries was taken up. Item 7 was laid on the table to entertain the following substitute which was subsequently adopted: That this Report be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes and we commend this Report and proposal for study by local deacon boards so that they may express to the Committee need for further development of these ideas in time for the Committee to bring recommendations to the 1984 Synod.

The Report of the Temperance Committee was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

1982-1983 TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

Your Temperance Committee would respectfully report, with thanksgiving, that our Sovereign Triune God is still in control of our beloved countries in spite of things too often looking to the contrary. Many signs of lawlessness continue to be too evident such as: violent crime, white collar crime, drugs, alcohol consumption, adultery, pornography, gambling, homosexuality, etc. How thankful we are that God will only allow unrighteousness to continue so long as it furthers His revealed and secret will and directly or indirectly brings glory to Himself. Beyond that point He says to evil as he says to the waves of the ocean, "Thus far shall you come and no further."

Perhaps we have been seeing God pronounce the above restriction on the alcoholic industry this past year as consumption was reported down. We see this restraint working even in the secular media as concern is evidenced for some of the victims of this satanic trade. Many police departments are cracking down on the drinking driver across the country. Many hospitals are offering help for the alcoholic "victims" of this industry, hoping that family members will channel them to their help. All of these "bindings" of satanic power should bring rejoicing to Christians and should encourage us in our efforts to be "salt and light" to our generation of society. We pray that God will magnify the past labors of this year as several articles were mailed to congregations and at least one **Witness** article was planned. The committee thanks those who have shared articles, sermons, and clippings with us which contained old or new ideas for thought or publication.

Recommendations:

1. The term of Rev. Lester Kilpatrick, D.D. expires with this meeting of Synod and this vacancy should be filled.
2. Expenses incurred in committee work be submitted for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Paul Wright

Lester Kilpatrick

Tom Joseph

Glenn McFarland, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Travel Funds and Absences was taken up. After some discussion it was recommitted.

The Report of the Committee to Review the Records of Presbyteries was taken up, adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES

The Minutes of the following Presbyteries were read and nothing was found contrary to the law and order of the church: Iowa, Midwest, Ohio-Illinois, New York, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh, St. Lawrence and the Japan Commission. However, some matters of a purely technical nature were noted. Clerks were informed of these. Paper 83-3 from Ohio-Illinois Presbytery satisfactorily answers the previous concerns.

Randall VanOsdol, Assistant Clerk

The Report of the Judicial Committee was taken up. Item 1 is found in connection with the Report of the Judicial Commission. Items 83-1, 83-2, 83-4, 83-8, and a final recommendation were adopted and are as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Paper 83-1 is an appeal from Mr. Jerry Keen, of the Park City Congregation, against the judicial action (rebuke) taken against him by the Park City Commission of the Midwest Presbytery. In reviewing the appeal, the Judicial Committee has determined that two issues are involved.

First, Mr. Keen's absence from Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting was deemed by the Commission as having a disruptive effect on the Park City Congregation. *Second*, Mr. Keen believes that the injunction to return to the Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting taught by women teachers would cause him to violate his conscience.

In view of the aforementioned, the committee is somewhat sympathetic to both issues. The Commission was acting out of concern for the Park City Congregation; Mr. Keen was maintaining his liberty of conscience. The details of the case span a rather lengthy period of time and perhaps some extenuating circumstances. In light of this, the Judicial Committee does not feel that it has enough of the facts to make a wise and impartial adjudication.

Therefore, we recommend that this appeal be returned to the Midwest Presbytery to be dealt with at a full meeting of Presbytery. We further instruct the Presbytery to bring a report of their dispensation to the 1984 meeting of Synod.

Paper 83-2 from the Cambridge Session asks the Synod to "counsel congregations and sessions regarding their responsibilities in respect to this statement of the Testimony":

No civil government which deprives men of civil or religious liberty, fails to protect human life, or proposes to force men to do violence to the spirit and precepts of the Christian religion or interferes unjustly with private ownership of property, can in such matters rightfully expect the submission of its citizens or the blessing of God promised for obedience to Him (Chapter 23, paragraph 4 of WCF, paragraph 21 of *Testimony*).

The Cambridge Session is particularly concerned about the implications of this statement in terms of responsibility to governments that "permit and even fund abortions." In partial response, we refer the Cambridge Session to the 1982 Synod's Resolution regarding abortion (see *Minutes of Synod* 1982, pp. 121-22).

The Cambridge Session also asks: "Is it the judgment of Synod that any state, provincial, or national governments at present 'fail to protect human life' and therefore cannot 'in such matters rightfully expect the submission of (their) citizens or the blessings of God?'" In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision of 1973 and consistent with the Resolution of the 1982 Synod, we would affirm that at present the United States federal government and the 50 state governments "fail to protect human life" in the area of abortion. Thus, these governments cannot rightfully expect the

submission of their citizens in respect to abortion nor the fullest blessing of God upon their nation. We do not know the legal status of abortion in Canada.

The heart of the question raised by the Cambridge Session concerns "submission" to these governments. We believe this question is an urgent one that deserves Synod's prompt consideration. However, we are not prepared at this time to give any more explicit counsel than that given by the 1982 Synod. A committee of the 1983 Synod (Committee on Paper 82-2) has already addressed the matter of civil disobedience, and we urge the Cambridge Session to keep abreast of that committee's work.

Paper 83-4 asks, "How can a teaching elder serving as a member in a congregation, have his name removed from the roll of Presbytery if he so desires?"

Our committee sees two questions inherent in this paper. First, how can one continue to be a teaching elder, but cease to function as a member of presbytery and function only as a member of the congregation?

In 1981 the Synod made the following provision: "Ministers not officially installed as teaching elders of particular congregations may become members of the congregation where they ordinarily worship. This implies their eligibility for election by the congregation as office holders" (**Minutes of Synod**, 1981, page 19).

The Synod of 1968 addresses the question of "Men Leaving the Ministry" and provides a means whereby the presbytery may provisionally remove an ordained minister from their roll. The whole tenor of this report seems to be that of the presbytery taking some kind of judicial action against a teaching elder (**Minutes of Synod**, 1968, pp. 42-45).

It is the judgment of your committee that at present there is no provision for a teaching elder to remain a teaching elder and at the same time have his name removed from the roll of presbytery.

We believe that this is important for the purpose of the oversight of the teaching elders' ministerial credentials. We would caution clerks of presbyteries to use care to see that teaching elders are counted only once in the membership of the church.

Second, there may yet be a need for a means by which a teaching elder can be released from his ordination vows. Ordinarily ordination vows are permanent and we are reluctant to suggest a departure from this norm. However, we believe that study of this question is necessary. Therefore, we recommend that this question be referred to the Committee to Revise the Book of Church Government.

The Judicial Committee has considered Paper 83-8, from the Elkins Park Session, which states:

"We respectfully call the attention of the Synod to the portion of the Westminster Confession of Faith which states that 'Synods and councils are to handle, or conclude, nothing, but what is ecclesiastical: and

are not to intermeddle with civil affairs of the commonwealth.' (WCF, XXXI, v.) We caution against a continuation of the preoccupation of the Synod with matters of a political nature, and would humbly pray the Synod to consider its future policy in this area."

We would like to thank the Elkins Park Session for their concern over the extent of our political witness as a church. However, we believe that the latter part of the Confession of Faith, chapter 31, paragraph 5 clearly calls on the church to make such a witness. We would also call to the attention of the Elkins Park Session the Introduction to the Testimony and the Testimony parallel to the Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 31, paragraph 5. We believe these portions of our standards clearly show the responsibility of the church to declare God's Word to the civil authorities.

Your committee in its work felt the need for some system for making reference to specific paragraphs in the new Testimony. One possible system might be to assign a letter to each paragraph parallel to the numbered paragraphs of the Confession. We recommend that the Board of Education and Publication devise a suitable method to rectify this problem.

Jerrold S. Milroy
Isaac VerHage
William Pihl
Kenneth McBurney
Philip Beard
Jack McCready

The Report of the Travel Fund was taken up. Item 1 as amended was adopted. Item 2 was adopted. Item 3 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Items 4 and 5 were adopted. In keeping with Item 5 the Synod expressed its thanks by applause. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL FUND AND ABSENCES

Your Committee reports that the 1983 Synod Travel Fund expenses totalled \$23,198.02. Ninety-four delegates participated in the Travel Fund this year. This is a decrease of \$2,359.49 and six delegates from last year. The average cost per delegate this year was \$246.79, compared to the 1982 average of \$255.58, a decrease of \$7.73.

Excused absences from sessions of Synod are indicated by an "E" on Synod's attendance roster.

Recommendations:

1. That the 1984 Synod Travel Allowance be set at 50% of the regular standards for reimbursements:
 - a. be determined for those traveling by air on the basis of air coach fare plus ground transportation to and from the airports.

- b. be determined for those who wish to drive a car on the basis of 20¢ per mile, plus tolls, unless air coach fare is less expensive, in which case the air coach fare shall be paid along with attendant costs.
 - c. an additional 3¢ per mile be paid to the driver for each additional delegate traveling in a car pool.
 - d. reimburse round trip bus or train fare for those delegates using this mode of transportation.
2. That those who know themselves to be delegates to the 1984 Synod be strongly urged to secure the lowest possible fares.
 3. That the congregational travel assessment for the 1984 Synod be set by the Finance Committee.
 4. That the delegates be paid by check.
 5. That Synod thank Miss Judy Linhart and Mr. Louis Hutmire for their help.

Philip H. Pockras
Ronald V. Good

The Report of the Committee to Study Civil Disobedience was taken up. The Committee brought in the following recommendation which was adopted: that this paper be regarded and used as a study paper to stimulate discussion on the principles that the disciples of Jesus must live by when faced with a situation that brings us into conflict with governing authorities. The Committee was dismissed.

The Court took recess in prayer by Joseph Paul.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1983, 7:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 126A the Court was reconvened in prayer by Ray McCracken.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes were read, amended and approved.

The Nominating Committee held a runoff election.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Directory of Church Government was taken up. Chapters 4-7, were individually taken up, debated and referred back to the Committee. Proposed changes in chapters 25 and 28 of the Testimony were taken up, debated and referred back to the Committee. Chapter 26 was adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. The Report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE BOOK OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT

The Synod of 1981 called for the appointment of "a special committee to revise and rewrite the Form of Church Government taking into consideration the conclusions regarding the nature of the eldership already adopted by Synod" (1981 Minutes, p. 17).

In our revised Testimony (25:3) we show our commitment to the Presbyterian form of church government (government by elders), to the distinction between the functions of ruling elders and teaching elders, to the parity of all elders in the government of the Church, and to the plurality of elders in church courts. In addition, the Synod of 1979 adopted a statement which expresses in principle the denominational position on the nature of the office of elder until the revision of the Form of Church Government is completed (1979 Minutes, pp. 176, 177; 1981 Minutes, pp. 17, 18). It needs to be pointed out, however, that this "interim position" is subject to change and does not become the "official position" of the church until it has gone down in overture.

Your Committee has met twice since the last meeting of Synod, and is presenting to the Synod a complete revision of the Book of Church Government which incorporates the implications of the above paragraph and follows the procedure approved at the 1982 Synod.

There are two sections to our revision. The first section is a proposed Directory for Church Government. It builds on the procedural elements of the present Book of Church Government in implementing the principles of church government set forth in our Constitution. It is composed of seven chapters: The Membership of the Church, The Congregation, The Ordained Officers of the Church, The Session, The Presbytery, The Synod, and The Rules of Order for a Meeting of Synod.

The second section comprises proposed changes in the Testimony. These are proposed additions to Chapters 25, 26 and 28 which are taken from principal statements in the present Book of Church Government. We believe that the other principal statements in the present Book of Church Government are already included in the Confession/Testimony.

Your Committee is recommending that the Synod follow the same procedure in adopting this revision that was followed in the adoption of the proposed Directory of Church Government.

Once the proposed Directory for Church Government is adopted, it would not seem necessary to go through the effort or the delay of the process of an overture for every change that is made. Therefore, in subsequent years, the Directory may be amended by any given Synod by a two-thirds majority vote of that Synod. If, however, the Synod considers that the amendment before it should have the consideration and discussion of the sessions, it can by a simple majority vote send the proposed change down in overture to the sessions.

Your Committee is a servant of the Synod. We have sought to carry out our task in keeping with the instructions given to us. Many of the changes we have made are far more than cosmetic changes, but we believe them to be consonant with the direction of our assignment. To be consistent, we have used the term "teaching elder" throughout, but we are not implying that the terms "pastor" or "minister" are no longer acceptable. The statement regard-

ing the office of Evangelist is subject to amendment after the Synod has heard the Report of the Committee to Study the Office of Evangelist. If items in our report are sent back to the Committee for revision, we encourage members of Synod to give to us specific alternatives which we can consider.

Recommendations:

1. That 30 minutes be allowed for floor discussion and debate on each chapter of the proposed Directory for Church Government, and that individual speeches be limited to three minutes. No amendments will be allowed from the floor. Each chapter will be voted on in its entirety. Approval requires a two-thirds vote.
2. That failure to achieve a two-thirds majority vote on any chapter will have the effect of returning that chapter to the committee for revision in the light of floor discussion.
3. That the section of revisions to the Testimony be considered under the same conditions as each chapter above.
4. That when each chapter (and the revisions to the Testimony) has received the necessary two-thirds vote of the Synod, the entire Directory and the changes in the Testimony be submitted to the sessions in overture, and that the sessions be asked to vote on each chapter separately, thereby allowing sessions, if in disagreement with a portion of the Directory, to vote in favor of chapters with which they stand in agreement.
5. That any chapter of the Directory not approved in overture be returned to the Committee for revision and resubmission to the Synod and to the sessions.
6. That the revised Directory for Church Government replace the present Book of Church Government and become the law and order of the church only upon adoption of all the chapters, and the declaration by Synod of their adoption.
7. That in subsequent years, the Directory for Church Government may be amended by any given Synod by a two-thirds majority vote. If, however, the Synod considers that such amendment should have the consideration and discussion of the sessions, it can by a simple majority vote send the proposed change down in overture to the sessions.
8. That Chapter I, section 6 of the present Book of Church Government with some amendments be included as the first paragraph in the History of the Standards which introduces **The Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Backensto

Norman Carson

Robert Catloth

Robert McConaughy

J. Paul McCracken

Bruce C. Stewart, Chm.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was taken up, adopted and is as follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee on Time and Place for the 1985 Synod—Charles Sterrett, Ch., Donald McCrory.

Committee on Realignment of Presbyteries—Randall VanOsdol, Ch., Joseph Baumgartner, Charles Cooper, William Pihl, Samuel Sterrett.

Committee on Office of Evangelist (add 1)—Isaac VerHage.

Committee on Visible Church as it Relates to the Sacraments—Jonathan Watt, Philip Pockras, William Russell.

Judicial Committee to Review Ordination Vow 8—William Cornell, Chairman; David Coon, Paul Finley, Charles McBurney, Phil Shafer.

LETTERS OF REMEMBRANCE

FROM

Jack McCready
Robert Mann
E. Clark Copeland
Paul Faris
James Wright
Stanley Copeland
J. Paul McCracken
T. M. Hutcheson
Kenneth G. Smith
Robert Fullerton
R. Paul Wright
Wyley Caskey
Ronald Stegall
Ed Robson
J. Renwick Wright
Webster Fields
D. Howard Elliott
Robert Hemphill
Glenn McFarland
William Metcalfe

TO

E. Ray Hemphill
Paul D. White
S. Bruce Willson
Robert McMillan
Samuel E. Boyle
Godfrey Franklin
David Peachy
D. Ray Wilcox
Robert B. Tweed
Paul D. McCracken
G. M. Robb
Alvin W. Smith
William J. Sterrett
Charles Leach
Robert B. McCracken
John O. Edgar
Toshio Masunaga
Nobuo Miwa
Shigeru Takiura
Gene W. Spear

Board of Corporators—Paul Patterson.

Board of Education and Publication—Philip Beard, Norman Carson, Rachel Roberts.

Board of Home Missions—David Coon, Ronald Good, Dean Smith, Garland Kincaid, Robert McFarland.

Board of Trustees of Synod—Sandra Johns, John Mitchell, Jerry O'Neill.

Board of Pension Trustees—Edmund Schisler, Donald Weilersbacher.

Travel Fund and Absences—Ronald Graham.

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary—John H. Tweed, John Vincze.

Board of Foreign Missions—Mrs. Kenneth Smith, J. Paul McCracken, James Pennington.

Committee on Arrangements—Karl Cunningham, Kenneth Hoffman.

Temperance Committee—Lester E. Kilpatrick.

Finance Committee—John Duke, Steven McMahan.

Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study—John H. White, Bruce R. Backensto.

Committee to Study the Possibility of Merging the Boards of Home Mission and Foreign Mission—Bruce Martin, Chairman; Robert Mann, Steven McMahan, James Pennington, Donald Piper.

Bruce Martin, Chairman

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Robert Henning.

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1983, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Friday, July 1, 1983 at 8:30 a.m. in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Following the singing of Psalm 118C the Court was convened in prayer by Carter Rowe.

The Roll was noted.

The Court was led in the Worship of God by Robert Schmidtberger. Paul E. Faris preached God's Word on the theme, "The Brother is Loving" from I Corinthians 13.

The Memorials for Luther B. McFarland and Johannes G. Vos were read. They are printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Resolution of Thanks was taken up and adopted. In keeping with this Report the Court sang Psalm 93A and was led in prayer by Glenn McFarland. The Report is as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

*The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
The Lord has clothed and girded Himself with strength;
Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.
Thy throne is established from of old;
Thou art from everlasting. (Ps. 93:1, 2)*

We give thanks to God our Father:

1. for travel safety to this Synod and for continued mercy for the return home.
2. for care to our families and congregations while we are away and for the care given to Robert McMillan and his family.

3. for daily provision of lodging, food, recreation, fellowship and rest.
4. for free and open discussion of the items before this court as we seek to advance the Kingdom of God on earth.
5. for the brotherhood of believers as exemplified in reconciliation in the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery.

We also give thanks:

1. to the officers of the court for directing the business of the court.
2. to the Arrangements Committee for their careful attention to the details of Synod.
3. to Geneva College for hosting us. Special thanks to Paul Bischoff for his vital part in this.
4. to Judy Linhart for her patience with our requests.

We recommend that we stand and praise God our Creator for His mighty works throughout this universe and for allowing us to come before Him by singing Psalm 93 followed by a prayer of thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn McFarland

Phillip A. Shafer

Paper 83-6 was taken up, debated, adopted and is as follows:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Paper 83-6

Since the Board of Foreign Missions continues to desire to respond favorably and help place qualified R.P. candidates in a number of appropriate mission fields,

and since one major obstacle to the opening and staffing of mission fields in the traditional pattern has been the great burden of cost (borne, in our case, largely through Synod's Budget),

that the Synod therefore authorize the Board of Foreign Missions to explore alternate means of financing and placing the missionary candidates that God raises up in the R.P. Church,

and that Synod ask sessions to encourage the young people of our church who do express a personal interest in serving in foreign mission work (no matter what the particular mission field may be) to get into contact with the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions early, in order to begin their planning and preparation under proper guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Duncan Lowe

John McMillan

The Report of the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study was taken up. The change of term of office of the Committee members was deleted from the Report thus retaining the three-year term instead of changing to a proposed six-year term. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH CORRESPONDENCE AND STUDY

Your Committee met once on October 21 and 22, 1982. This meeting preceded a meeting of our Committee with the similar committee of the Synod of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Several members of the Committee then participated in the meeting of N.A.P.A.R.C. The Committee met informally with representatives of the Protestant Reformed Church for the purpose of developing contact with them. We are planning another meeting with them in connection with the meeting of the Committee just before this meeting of Synod. We expect to have some recommendation from that meeting for the Synod.

Fraternal delegates have been appointed to the annual meetings of the Eureka Classis—Reformed Church in the U.S. and to the Synod or General Assemblies of the member churches of N.A.P.A.R.C.—Presbyterian Church in America, Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Christian Reformed Church, Korean American Presbyterian Church, and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. We have also assigned delegates to the N.A.E. Convention and to the N.A.E. Convention on "Peace in a Nuclear Age."

We made several proposals to the joint committee meeting with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church's Committee on Interchurch Relations. These will appear in the form of recommendations at the end of this report.

In order to promote the unity of the Church of Jesus Christ, we invited sessions to share with us various ways in which we are working together with other branches of the body of Christ. A summary of the responses is printed as an appendix to this report.

In fulfilment of the assignment to prepare an appropriate covenant for use by our congregations (see **Minutes of Synod**, pg. 90, item #8 of E. and P. Board) we have asked two men to begin drafting such a document.

The Committee is interested in corresponding with other Reformed denominations. If you are aware of some with which we are not presently corresponding, please inform the Committee of this in writing.

The following is a breakdown of the expenses of the committee for the past year:

Delegates:

NAPARC, White	\$ 108.30
NAE, Elliott (2)	609.68
Eureka Classis, Milroy	210.29
ARP, R. Copeland	176.52
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	1,104.79
Travel	2,502.72
Minutes of Synod & Testimonies	257.07
Miscellaneous	58.25
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Total Expenses	\$ 3,922.83

Recommendations:

1. That the following actions with regard to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be approved:
 - A. That we approve the exchange of representatives by the major boards and committees of the two churches.
 - B. That these exchanges be worked out by the respective boards and committees.
 - C. That we encourage a greater exchange of information between the two denominations at all levels—Congregational and Presbyterian as well as the Synodical-General Assembly level.
 - D. That we plan toward more exchange of pulpits.
2. That the Synod met concurrently with other N.A.P.A.R.C. Assemblies and Synods in 1986.
3. The term of Bruce C. Stewart expires at this meeting of Synod, the committee nominated John H. White and Kenneth G. Smith.
4. That we initiate correspondence with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to explore the possibilities of further relations with them.
5. That sessions study the responses of the congregations in expressing the Unity of the Church on the local level, and consider how they should become more involved in demonstrating their visible oneness with other believers in the local community.

Bruce C. Stewart
 Bruce R. Backensto
 Randy VanOsdol
 Donald McCrory
 J. S. Milroy
 Paul M. Martin, Chm.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM PASTORS AND SESSIONS

In regard to the 1982 Synod's directive on page 78 of the 1982 **Minutes of Synod** our committee sent out a letter to all the sessions of the RPCNA to ask them to report on what practices they are involved in to reflect the unity of the church at the local level. From the responses on the general questions that we sent regarding local practices of Reformed Presbyterian congregations emphasizing church unity with non-Covenanter congregations we obtained the following results.

1. Seven churches said they were working with other churches in their community in a joint endeavor on social concerns. These include such things as distribution of wheat in Haiti, helping at a crisis pregnancy clinic, helping the needy, etc.
2. Eight churches reported that they cooperated in a community Thanksgiving service or prayer services.
3. Six churches indicated they were involved in evangelistic outreach with other groups. These include groups like Coalition For Christian Outreach, Inter-Varsity, community wide revival programs, a community outreach center, and "Project Andrew."
4. Nine pastors reported that they are attending a local ministers council.
5. Three pastors reported that they were attending a local Reformed council.
6. One response stated that their church as a local church has membership in a community association of churches.
7. Eight responses indicated they had people involved in community Bible studies.
8. Four churches stated that they had invited non-RPCNA preachers to fill their pulpits at sometime during the last year.
9. Six responses said that during the last year someone from their church had preached at non-RPCNA churches.
10. Eight of our churches that responded indicated that they have families involved in a local Christian school.
11. Four churches responded that they had participated in interdenominational conferences.
12. Two responses indicated that they had people in teaching programs of other groups. These include CUTS and teaching Systematic Theology and Biblical Theology at an independent church.
13. Four churches reported they were involved in jointly sponsored youth groups.
14. Two churches reported they were involved in jointly sponsored VBS programs.
15. Three churches said they had met with other churches in the community for a film series. These films included "Whatever Happened to the Human Race," "Focus on the Family," and "The Family: God's Pattern For Living."

16. Two churches reported that they share in a meal sponsored by the churches in the community for local school teachers and administrators in the fall.
17. Three churches said they have evenings of fellowship with other churches. For example, one congregation regularly invites other congregations including a Baptist Church to join them in monthly "play nights" in a local gym.
18. Three reported that they are taking turns in leading services at local nursing homes and/or as chaplains (for a week) at a local hospital.
19. One congregation indicated they were members of the NAE.
20. One congregation indicated they shared in a NPRF project.

It should be pointed out that we had a total of 25 responses to our letter dated November 3, 1982. In the letter we suggested three questions that might be helpful to the sessions in reviewing how they are reflecting the unity of the church. Some responses used the questions—some did not. Some responses were only two or three paragraphs—some were 2 or 3 pages. Obviously many did not respond at all. The point is we had a wide variety of responses indicating a wide variety of ways of dealing with the question of the unity of the church at the local level. For some of our number this is a major issue of great concern—for others it is of lesser importance and therefore of little concern. In some cases individual situations seem to affect this significantly.

It should also be pointed out that these results can in no way be used to develop any kind of consensus in our denomination. Only a minority of churches responded and even then they were not asked to respond to any specific set of questions. If we had sent out a survey asking 25 specific questions like—Is your church involved in a jointly sponsored VBS program? or Have you had non-RPCNA preachers fill your pulpit? (yes or no)—we no doubt would have had a greater response. But these are the ideas that individual churches came up with and felt strongly enough about to suggest and report on. So to those of you who responded we thank you and we do hope this report encourages more reflection on the unity of the church at the local level.

The Report of the Committee on Ordination Vow 8 was taken up. A new recommendation was read. This was laid on the table to entertain the following substitute which was subsequently adopted: That both the minority and majority reports be received and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes and be referred to a judicial committee to review vow 8 in light of the paper adopted by the 1981 Synod on Ordination Vows Binding the Conscience and the Testimony to report to the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee on the Lord's Day Observance was taken up and amended by the Committee. Items 1-4 were adopted. The paper as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

Questions relating to a weekly day of rest and worship are of perennial interest and concern. The circumstances out of which these questions arise may vary from one generation to another, from family to family, and person to person. But the basic questions are always the same.

In the last few years the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath issue has again been stirred by many within the Christian community. Many pressing questions are set forth particularly in the realm of practical activity related to this day.

As far as the unbelieving world is concerned and perhaps even some professed Christians there is no question or controversy about the Lord's Day and its observance. Since most would approach the Scripture from which this doctrine is derived with an attitude that its authority is subjective rather than objective, they view this day as indeed made for man and man alone. It has become the "extra" day in a man-made weekend of activity. Usually such activity includes: odd jobs, extra family activities, shopping, athletic events, etc. On occasion, perhaps, the religious aspect does enter in, as in the celebration of a holiday, e.g. Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc. But generally speaking, the Lord's Day poses no particular problem for people in our society.

However, for Christians who take the Word of God seriously and recognize its objective authority irrespective of their feelings or opinions, there is little question that the Scripture sets forth one day in seven as belonging uniquely to the Lord. On this there seems general agreement for many Christians.

Nevertheless, how should the modern Christian spend the Lord's Day? In what sense is the Christian to keep the Sabbath Day holy? What bearing does Old Testament teaching and example have upon the Church today? Has the fourth commandment any relevance today? How can the Christian properly and effectively implement the purpose of the Lord's Day? The questions continue to be asked and few answers seem forthcoming, at least as far as many practical implications are concerned.

It is our purpose to examine these related questions and set forth biblical answers to them. We are mindful that the Lord's Day question is of definite importance to our congregations across the church as they receive new people into their membership and attempt to give counsel to members already under their oversight. Therefore, we have attempted to set forth some basic study on the teaching of the Lord's Day along with suggested guidelines which we hope will serve as a useful tool in the hands of pastors and sessions as they seek to guide their people in a more appreciative understanding and joyful observance of the Day.

In any discussion of the Lord's Day there are two questions that must be dealt with if controversy regarding the Sabbath Institution is to be placed in proper perspective and if the perpetuity of this ordinance is to be established.

Those questions deal with the Obligation and Observance of the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath.

I. The Permanent Obligation of the Sabbath

When we assert the obligation of the Lord's Day we are dealing with the question of the perpetual obligation of the Sabbath and the relevance it holds for us as an institution defined in the fourth commandment. What are the facts which denote that it is of permanent application?

A. The Sabbath is a Creation Ordinance

The Sabbath was instituted at creation (Gen. 2:2, 3). It belongs, therefore, to the order which God established for man, from the beginning. It has relevance quite apart from the entrance of sin and the need for redemption. Thus it is like all other creation ordinances in this respect: labor (Gen. 2:15), marriage (Gen. 2:24, 25), and procreation (Gen. 1:28).

The Lord's Day was made for man, for the good of man, as man, and as a pledge to man of the promise that his labor would issue in a Sabbath rest similar to the rest of God Himself. It was a divine institution meeting some of his deepest needs as a creature bearing the image of God and enjoying fellowship with Him. For man—not as sinner, but as man—the rhythm of work and rest was necessary. The reasoning is this: God worked six days and rested the seventh; therefore He commands men to imitate Him and work six days and rest the seventh.¹ But the need for such a day set apart is surely beyond the physical and psychological within man. It is our deeper need to worship God and to have fellowship with Him. The Christian Sabbath is a hallowing of a particular portion of our time for this highest of all purposes.

The Lord's Day is a creation ordinance. It was a moral and permanent institution, founded on the nature of the relation between God and man and meeting an abiding and universal human need. As such, it does not derive its validity or its sanction because of man's sin or from any of the provisions of the redemptive grace. When sin entered, the circumstances under which Sabbath rest was to be observed were altered as in the case of the other creation institutions. Now the powers of redemptive grace were indispensable to a proper keeping of them. But the entrance of sin in no way abrogates this creation institution any more than it did the others. Depravity within man in no way makes the obligations of this institution irrelevant or unnecessary for Him. In a word, "sin does not abrogate creation ordinances and redemption does not make superfluous their obligation and fulfillment."²

B. The Sabbath is Based on Divine Example

"And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done." (Genesis 2:2). This is clearly set forth in the fourth commandment, "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it." (Exodus 20:11). This means the pattern for man of six days'

labor and one day of rest is patterned after the example of our Creator. God created in six successive days and He rested on the seventh. That is the example for man.

“Has God’s work of creation ceased to be relevant to us? Has the fact that He created, not in one grand fiat but in the space of six days, become irrelevant? Is not the fact of creation basic to all Christian thinking? The biblical writers should be our monitors in this. How frequently the God of Christian faith and piety is identified by the inspired writers as God Who made the world and all things therein. More specifically, has the fact that God rested on the seventh day ceased to be relevant? God is not working or creating now; He is resting from His creative work. And now to the most pointed question of all: Has the divine example become obsolete? Can we think of the exemplar established by God’s working and resting as ever ceasing to be the pattern for man’s conduct in the ordinance of labor and rest?”³

Obviously ever to ask such questions is to answer them negatively.

C. The Sabbath is Incorporated in the Decalogue

The third consideration which makes it clear that the Lord’s Day is to be considered as a permanent institution is that it was incorporated in the Decalogue (Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15). The fourth commandment is not an appendix to the Decalogue nor is it merely an application of God’s law to Old Testament Israel. The fourth commandment is a very definite facet of the law which Moses presented on two tablets of stone which Israel was commanded to obey. It is as relevant, equal and necessary for our understanding and practice as, for examples, the third, or fifth or eighth or tenth commandments are.

D. The Sabbath is Supported by the Prophets

The prophets of God were great denouncers of religious formalism, fearlessly condemning any form of legalistic reliance on ceremonial and ritual divorced from godliness and humanity. (Isaiah 1:11-13). On the other hand, these same denouncing prophets upheld the Lord’s Day with the highest reverence. They make it a criterion of religious vitality and even of the nation’s future before God. (Isa. 56:2, 13ff; Jer. 17:21ff).

It is obvious from such statements that God’s prophets did not regard the Sabbath as an item of useless ceremonial trapping, but as something essential to the distinctiveness of the nation’s relationship to God. It was a fundamental covenant privilege. The Sabbath was the sign of God’s covenant with His people Israel. (Ex. 31:13-17). The weekly observance of the Sabbath was a medium which handed on knowledge of the covenant as a relationship and a doctrine.⁴ Desecration of it would expose them to divine displeasure and judgment. Sabbath profanation was punishable by death. (Ex. 31:13-15).

E. Our Lord Confirmed the Sabbath as an Institution

“The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Where-

fore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.” (Mk. 2:27, 28). Our Lord affirms that the Sabbath has its place within the sphere of His own Messianic Lordship and that He exercises lordship over the Sabbath because it was made for man.

Does such a declaration mean that we as men may modify or abrogate the Day at will? Certainly not! The Sabbath is for our benefit. It is not good for man to be without it any more than it is good for man to be alone. He needs it physically, psychologically and spiritually. Man needs to come away from the claims and stresses of daily labor and rest. Refreshment, whether physical or spiritual, comes to man not by physical rest alone but from fellowship with God, also. Labor, monotony, and sweat remind us each day that we are fallen in Adam. Rest and worship on the Lord’s Day help remind us that by grace we are redeemed in Christ.

It is argued that the Sabbath Day was expressly abrogated by the New Testament. Mark 2:28 and parallels are appealed to. (Matt. 12:1-8; Lk. 6:1-5). The impression often conveyed is that our Lord was freeing man from the observance of this particular ordinance and thus allowing him to use the day as he so chooses.

However, the actions of our Lord’s disciples did not violate the moral law but only rabbinic tradition and human legislation placed upon the Sabbath Day. Our Lord declares that the actions of His disciples did not constitute a breach of divine law and then cites the example of David in eating the shewbread and of the priests who labor on the Sabbath and yet are blameless. (1 Sam. 21:1-6; Lk. 12:5).

The point is that labor necessary to worship, human survival, health, or even ordinary comfort is not sinful. The general teaching which must regulate us is that the Sabbath Day is a time we must spend in worship and in doing good as Providence allows. Plucking ears of corn as the disciples did is really a trivial action. It becomes sinful if it obstructs one from using the appointed day properly. That is, if such things either impede or obstruct our worship or our acts of mercy, then we ought not to practice them.

F. The Sabbath is Reaffirmed by Hebrews 4:9

The Book of Hebrews is of special importance in determining the relation between Old and New Testament ordinances. In chapters 3:7-4:13, there is a significant allusion to the Sabbath. In his appeal to professing Christians to hold fast to Christ, the writer cites Psalm 95:11, with God’s awesome pronouncement against His apostate people, “truly they shall not enter into my rest.” That leads to a discussion of what the “rest of God” is, and how one enters it. For Christians in the time of the New Covenant, that “rest of God” is still future, as it was for the Israelites living in the land of Canaan at the time when Psalm 95 was written. The Rest into which we enter is the Consummation when all our striving and struggle with temptation will be over. And that Rest is like God’s own cessation from the work of creation, as the writer indicates by his reference to Genesis 2:2. For us, as well as for the

people of Old Testament Israel, "There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God." (Hebrews 4:9).

This passage in Hebrews teaches that in instituting the weekly Sabbath, God was not only giving a reminder of his original creation, but was pointing forward to the consummation of all things. The Sabbath has an eschatological meaning. Since the first coming of Christ did not fulfill that meaning, because the eschatological reality is still future for us, we still need the typical sign which God has given us in the weekly day of rest and worship.⁵

In a sense, man today is living in God's "seventh day"—that day in the economy of the Most High which lies between the creation of the heavens and the earth and the recreation of the new heavens and the new earth. At the great Day of the Lord, the eternal Sabbath will be ushered in in fullness. Meanwhile, because the children of God even now possess eternal life, they may be said, in principle, to be living in the eighth day of the eternal rest.⁶

Prior to the resurrection, the weekly Sabbath, expressive of God's seventh day, alone applied to men. From the resurrection to the consummation this same weekly Sabbath is to be observed by all men, but believers possess that of which it speaks—the eternal Sabbath of God's eighth day, which will be ushered in in fullness at Christ's coming again.⁷

The reason for the change of day from Saturday to Sunday is clear. It is more than a memorial to the Saviour's resurrection; it is recognition of the fact that "God's eighth day of eternity has broken through into hebdomadal time in the resurrection of the Lord."⁸ Just as the "heavenly sanctuary" of Hebrews 9, and its cleansing, is the original for the Levitical sacrifices and the death of the Lamb of God, so we may conceive of the Creation, Mosaic and Christian sabbaths as those which mirror with ever increasing revelational complexity, the eternal Sabbath.⁹

II. The Observance of the Sabbath

Not only is it necessary to understand something of the perpetuity and sanctity of the Christian Sabbath, but we must also consider the observance of the Day in both Old and New Testaments. It is from the teaching and applied practice of the Church in both dispensations that our practices and teachings must be formulated.

A. Old Testament Observance

(1) The Seventh Day

No one can question the fact that in the Old Testament the expressions "the seventh day" and "the Sabbath day" are synonymous. (Gen. 2:2; Ex. 20:11). John Calvin finds the chief significance of the Sabbath to lie in the fact that the day of rest follows six days of work: "that the Jews might know that their lives could not be approved by God unless, by ceasing from their own works, they should divest themselves of their reason, counsels, and all the feelings and affections of the flesh."¹⁰ He bases this on Hebrews 4:10, failing to see the reference to the future in that verse. Nowhere in the Old Testament is that particular interpretation of the significance of the seventh

day given. While the seventh day of rest following six days of work was a clear memorial of creation, that sequence was not essential to the Sabbath institution. As a memorial of the deliverance from Egypt, the observance of the **seventh** day had no particular significance. What was essential to the Sabbath ordinance was the weekly cycle of work and rest. Time was to be divided into units of seven days, and one of those days was to be kept holy. Christ by His resurrection changed the sequence of days without abolishing the basic creation ordinance.

(2) Rest

It could not be clearer that the Old Testament observance of the Sabbath involved a rest from ordinary labor. This first appears in the giving of the manna, when there was none to gather and therefore no gathering to be done on the Sabbath. (Ex. 16:23-30). Not only masters, but sons and daughters, servants, beasts of burden, and strangers, are freed from their ordinary labor. Such labor was forbidden. (Ex. 20:8-11). Even in time of plowing and of harvest, when time was of the essence, there was to be no work on the Sabbath. (Ex. 34:21). The prohibition of labor was usually given in general terms, with no discussion of the details which so occupied the discussions of the scribes later on. In the Mosaic legislation only one detail is mentioned—the prohibition of kindling a fire (Ex. 35:3); the death penalty is prescribed for a man found gathering sticks on the Sabbath, apparently for the purpose of making a fire (Num. 15:32ff).

On the other hand, the children of Israel marched around Jericho on the Sabbath by God's command (Jos. 6:4ff), and the Levites who guarded the Temple changed shifts on the Sabbath (2 Chron. 23:4-8). Both Jeremiah 17:21ff and Nehemiah 13:15ff prohibit the bearing of burdens on the Sabbath, but in both passages the practice is viewed as part of carrying on business—taking goods or produce into the city to sell.

One is not surprised to learn of other apparently legal activities of the Israelites on the Sabbath. There were military campaigns, marriage feasts (Judges 14:12-18), dedication feasts (1 Kings 8:65; 2 Chron. 7:8), visiting a man of God (2 Kings 4:23), changing the temple guards (2 Kings 11:5-9), preparing the showbread (1 Chron. 9:32), duties of the Levites (2 Kings 11:5-9; 2 Chron. 23:4, 8) and the opening of the East gate (Ezek. 46:1-3). Beyond these, one may surmise that Israel must have engaged in other activities that either enhanced the enjoyment of this day or were required by necessity.¹¹

It is somewhat surprising to find how general the Old Testament law of Sabbath rest is. God did not give minute regulations governing the use of the time. God's people were to reflect on the purpose for which the commandment was given, and make application as their circumstances warranted. The purpose for resting was three-fold: (a) as a memorial of creation, to put their labor on the other six days in proper perspective; (b) as a humanitarian measure, to promote the welfare of workman and even animals (Deut. 5:12-15); (c) to give opportunity for worship.

(3) Worship

The actual celebration of the Sabbath is not described in detail. As far as sacrifices were concerned, a special burnt offering was prescribed for the Sabbath day, which was to be offered over and above the continual offerings. In Psalm 92 we are given a list of activities in which the Israelite could engage on the Sabbath: giving thanks, singing praises, declaring God's loving loyalty and faithfulness, rejoicing with instruments and singing, admiring His works and wisdom, trusting in God's justice, and praising His care, concern and power. Murray rightly points out that "... the Sabbath ... is not to be defined in terms of cessation from activity, but cessation from that kind of activity involved in the labor of the other six days."¹²

We would add that the weekly Sabbath, as well as certain days connected with festivals, was designated as a day of "holy convocation," in which the people would assemble for worship (Lev. 23:1-3). There is an incidental allusion to the practice of going to hear a prophet on the Sabbath, in the history of Elisha (II Kings 4:23). When the prophets speak of future restoration, they connect the Sabbath with worship (Isa. 66:23ff; Ezek. 46:1-12). By New Testament times, it is clear that the Jewish practice was to assemble in the synagogues for worship on the Sabbath.

Of course the observance of the Old Testament Sabbath involved worship in its Old Testament form as previously mentioned. What was done to observe the Sabbath was also done on the first day of the month (new moon) and on numerous festival days. It would seem that Paul's declaration of the Christian's liberty from "festival, new moon, or Sabbath" (Col. 2:16) must be seen as a reference to this Old Testament complex of observances (I Chron. 23:31; 2 Chron. 2:4, 8:13, 31:3).

(4) Strictness

Because the Old Testament Sabbath law is quite general, it does not seem valid to say that the difference in the New Testament observance is in the lack of specific regulations. Both Old and New Testament believers had to work out for themselves, in changing circumstances, what God's will was for their use of the Sabbath.

It is helpful to look upon the scattered and incidental references to the Lord's Day in the New Testament as evidences that the early church was doing just that—applying the principles of the Sabbath to new circumstances. Jesus' conflicts with the Jews about the Sabbath came because the rabbis sought to make their own human decisions about Sabbath-keeping binding upon all Jews in all circumstances. (Matt. 15:9).

There is a question, however, about the Old Testament penalties for Sabbath-breaking. Sabbath profanation then was punishable by death (Ex. 31:13-15). Can one separate the ordinance from the penalty, or must one say that if the commandment is still binding, then its Old Testament penalty is still appropriate? The question cannot be ignored as it is raised in our time by theonomists who insist that the law and its accompanying penalties must be

enforced. It's apparent that the Church at large has not answered this question either. Nevertheless, death by stoning for Sabbath violations does not seem appropriate to our time. This much is clear: Paul directs the church at Corinth to deal with one guilty of incest, not by inflicting death, as the Mosaic law directed, but by excommunication (2 Cor. 5). By analogy, flagrant and wilful violation of the fourth commandment should be dealt with in a similar way by the courts of the church.

B. New Testament Observance

(1) Seventh Day to First Day

The Christians of the early Church were at the beginning Jewish, who brought with them many of the Jewish practices and observances. These were often mixed side by side with the observances of the new Christian church, e.g. the Lord's Supper, Baptism, the Lord's Day as well as Circumcision, Jewish festivals and observing the Sabbath. Paul in his letters to the church sought to clear up the confusion and inter-mixing of these observances. Keeping the Sabbath in rabbinical fashion was out of the question. Its observance was no longer necessary under the New Covenant in Christ. To insist that it was was in infringement upon the liberty of believers. Paul wasn't arguing for the abrogation of the moral law any more than the Lord Himself. Christians were to observe a day of worship but not let Old Testament ceremony and Jewish traditions shackle their observance. They were to observe the Day of rest and worship out of love to Christ (John 14:23) and in the exercise of their liberty.

But the practical question for the early Church concerned which day was to be observed. The early Christians for a time observed two holy days—the Jewish Sabbath and the Lord's Day. Paul taught that the weekly Jewish Sabbath must go. It was tied to the seventh day of the week, to which alone the designation 'Sabbath' strictly refers. This is what was abolished. The position of the Lord's Day is not affected, except insofar as the sabbatical principle which it conserves is divested of the accretions of Pharisaism. In other words, it is not a desecration of the Lord's Day to pluck ears of corn or to walk more than a prescribed distance or to carry a burden weighing more than a stipulated maximum. Nor is violation of the Sabbath principle to be deemed a capital offense under the new economy, as it was under the Mosaic. However, these modifications which accompany the change of administration do not affect the validity of the principle itself. The Mosaic and Pharisaic Sabbath was to give way to the Christian Sabbath.¹³ (Ro. 14:5; Gal. 4:10; Col. 2:16).

The evidence for this is three-fold: (a) the Lord Himself hallowed the day by His own redemptive act (Matt. 28:1; Mk. 16:1; Lk. 24:1; Jn. 20:1); He is "Lord of the Sabbath" (Mk. 2:28); (b) by the example of the apostolic church (Jn. 20:26; Acts 2:1, 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1ff); (c) John's wording in the book of the Revelation 1:10, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." It is significant that this is the only New Testament verse to use this phrase, "Lord's Day."

(2) Rest

It appears that although we now have a change in the day observed, i.e., from the seventh to the first, there is no essential change in the resting aspect of the fourth commandment, either for the early Church or in our time. The day is still to be viewed as a cessation from the labors of the other six days as set forth in its Old Testament teaching. Neither are we simply to forget the previous six days labor just because we rest from it. God did not do that (Gen. 2:2ff; Ex. 20:11). We must evaluate our labor and confess our sins and failures to God as well as return thanks for good works accomplished. The Lord's Day is the time to do this because God Himself, at the end of His labor, evaluated it and enjoyed it and wants us to imitate Him.

Just as the Old Testament observance permitted other activities or required works, so the same principle holds for the New Testament Church. In other words, the Day is to be used for "works of necessity and mercy" as they arise. (Matt. 12:10-14; Mk. 3:1-6; Lk. 6:6-11). A clear mandate from the Scripture concerning this principle seems beyond dispute. (See accompanying Guidelines to this report).

(3) Worship

In the New Testament this day is set aside for all Christians to gather together for worship. (Jn. 20:26; Acts 2:1ff, 20:7). But this coming together had a clear purpose. On the Lord's Day it was a coming together to be edified by the teaching and preaching of God's Word. This was promoted in two ways—in the breaking of bread in the Lord's Supper and through the preaching of the Word.

Thus the gathering for worship by these early Christians served a two-fold purpose: (a) they "did not forsake the assembling of themselves together" (Hebrews 10:25); (b) they were spiritually nourished by the "engrafted word which is able to save souls" (Ja. 1:21).

(4) Strictness

Again with the change of administrations from the Old to the New the severity for Sabbath-breaking is also relaxed to a degree. The Sabbath principle is no longer deemed as a capital offense under the Christian economy, as it was under the Mosaic. Nevertheless, the Church of the New Testament and the Church of our time is still obligated to exercise discipline for flagrant and wilful neglect of the fourth commandment. (See 'Strictness' as discussed under Old Testament Observance.)

III. Conclusions

To insist that as Christians we are freed from an observance of the fourth commandment is to miss the grand end of its instruction, namely, to help us better understand the redemptive rest provided in the Lord Jesus Christ and designed so that we might imbibe more of its eternity typifying values.¹⁴ "There remaineth therefore a keeping of a Sabbath to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9).

Therefore the obligation to preserve, promote and participate in its

observance is incumbent upon all, until that wonderful promise of our God is realized by His people that, "as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me, . . . it shall come to pass, that . . . from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship Me" (Isa. 66:22, 23).

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GUIDELINES

Having shown the permanent obligation of the Sabbath, and the need to observe the Lord's Day as the Christian Sabbath, we now offer guidelines on how Christians today may properly and effectively implement the purposes of this day. These are only guidelines, not laws. We have not attempted to issue a list of "do's and don'ts." Such a list would be entirely out of character with the Scriptural teaching regarding the Lord's Day. We have done everything possible not to fall into the trap of Rabbinic thinking on this subject. (The Talmud is more oppressive and detailed in its instructions regarding the Sabbath than on any other topic, containing 24 long chapters of minute instructions on how one could or could not observe the day.)

Our suggestions regarding Sabbath-keeping are intended to reflect just the opposite understanding of God's law. The Sabbath, as with all of God's precepts, is a kind commandment. The Sabbath was instituted with an understanding of what is best for mankind, not what would present man with the most difficulties. Because God loves us and knows what is best for us, He gave us one day in seven for rest and worship. Therefore, the Lord's Day should be a day of great joy, even celebration, because of the finished work of creation and redemption accomplished for us. It is, accordingly, a day to be anticipated and for which we are to prepare, not simply a day to endure or to "get through." Deeds of preparation on Saturday, for example, should not be viewed as burdensome tasks which have to be done so that a legalistic observance of the Sabbath can occur. Instead, preparation should be viewed with appreciation of the fact that the Lord's Holy Day may now be enjoyed to a far greater extent than if advance preparation were not made. With this understanding in mind, the following guidelines are suggested.

Scripture commands us to use the Lord's Day for the following:

I. Worship, Fellowship, and Personal Piety.

- A. Scripture specifically calls us to gather together on the Christian Sabbath for corporate worship and fellowship. (Examples of corporate worship and fellowship include public worship, church school attendance, informal fellowship, and hospitality.)
- B. Spiritual enrichment, enjoyed individually or as a family, is an excellent goal for a Sabbath Day. (This may involve such things as Bible study and memorization, prayer, family worship, and reading literature related to subjects of concern to Christians in their walk with Christ.)

II. Rest.

- A. The "rest" to which Scripture calls us is to provide spiritual, physical, and emotional refreshment as we put aside the ordinary activities of the week. (Examples of how we may properly use the Lord's Day as a day of rest include walks which give opportunities to appreciate God's creation and other quiet activities which further the purposes of the day.)
- B. We should not only seek rest and refreshment for ourselves, but we should seek to give others a day of rest by not promoting business endeavors on the Lord's Day. (For example, use of commercial transportation, restaurants and retail business, etc., should be avoided whenever possible to enable others to rest and be refreshed.)

III. Deeds of Necessity.

Scripture recognizes that there are some responsibilities which must be carried out on the Lord's Day. Christians must take seriously the basic purposes of the day as they make decisions about necessary activities in which they must be engaged. (Persons in certain professions, such as physicians, farmers, law enforcement officers, soldiers, and others will

be called upon to perform works of necessity on the Sabbath. Each person, with the counsel of ordained leaders, should evaluate specific situations on a case-by-case basis.)

IV. Deeds of Mercy.

Scripture indicates the importance of performing acts of compassion and mercy on the Lord's Day. Kindness is to be demonstrated in meeting urgent needs every day of the week. (Suggested acts of mercy include visiting the sick, elderly, and others with unusual needs; reading to those whose eyes have dimmed, and counseling those in distress. Also, emergency work of all kinds which is related to the welfare of mankind is encouraged.)

IN CONCLUSION:

The ultimate question regarding the keeping of the Lord's Day is not what we can and cannot do. The question is, "What is the best way to observe God's Holy Day?" It is the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ which is at stake. We need to observe the day in a way which will most please Him and bring glory to His name. All legalistic approaches to the keeping of the Lord's Day are inappropriate. At the same time, however, let us make clear that Scripture does tell us how this special day is to be observed. We are not at liberty to do as we please. "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free . . . but do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature." (Galatians 5:1, 13)

Recommendations:

1. That Synod reaffirm its understanding of the permanent obligations of the Sabbath as set forth in the body of the report.
2. That sessions be encouraged to use the guidelines in this report for the counsel and care of members.
3. That the Board of Education and Publication publish this report and make it available to all members.
4. That this committee be dismissed.

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Wendell McBurney
Roy McDonald
Wayne Spear
Jerry O'Neill, Chairman

The Court expressed appreciation and thanks to Howard Elliott for his years of service as Synod's representative to the Board of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The Report of the Committee to Study the Use of Uninspired Religious Hymns or Portions of Scriptures was taken up and amended. The Court took five minutes to reread the Report and pray concerning this paper. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USE OF UNINSPIRED RELIGIOUS HYMNS OR PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURES

Synod's committee appointed to study "the proper use of uninspired religious hymns or portions of Scriptures not found in the Book of Psalms" met once in Quinter, Kansas. Committee members present were Neal Mann, Waldo McBurney, Raymond McCracken, James C. Pennington, and Bruce R. Backensto, chairman. Your committee would make the following report:

As a corporate body the Reformed Presbyterian Church states through its Testimony, "Singing God's praise is part of public worship in which the whole congregation should join. The Book of Psalms, consisting of inspired psalms, hymns and songs, is the divinely authorized manual of praise. The use of other songs in worship is not authorized in the Scriptures." In light of such passages as Acts 15:19, 20, 28, 29 and Romans 14, your committee does not believe it would be wise to specify situations other than at the public or private worship of God concerning what may or may not be sung. Since the Testimony is meant to express pastoral care toward those believers who seek to unite with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, our eyes are to be toward maturing together in Christ Jesus. Therefore the Testimony reflects the Scriptural call that our praise should center in the Book of Psalms. In non-worship settings the singing of certain uninspired religious hymns or other portions of the Scriptures as expressions of fellowship with other Christians is appropriate. Uninspired hymns are the testimony, in song, of other believers' expressions of their faith in the Triune God and their understanding of who He is, but are not to be viewed as equal in any fashion to the praise the Lord has given us to sing to His glory as found in the one hundred fifty Psalms. The use of other portions of the Scriptures in song help implant the written revelation of the Lord on our hearts and therefore may be sung in non-worship settings. We continue bearing testimony, in keeping with the Scriptures, that the only divinely inspired hymn book of the Church today is the Book of Psalms.

Recommendations:

1. That Synod adopt this report as a pastoral answer to the question regarding the use of uninspired religious hymns or portions of Scripture.
2. That the Committee be dismissed.

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The Report of the Committee to Rewrite the Baptism Vows was taken up. Items 1 and 2 were adopted by more than a two-thirds majority and ordered to be sent down in overture. The Report as a

whole was adopted and is as follows:

The Court took recess in prayer by Lester Kilpatrick.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REWRITE THE BAPTISM VOWS

The Synod of 1982 gave this committee the task of clarifying and updating the language of the "baptism vows" without changing their meaning (1982 **Minutes of Synod**, pp. 56, 149).

We have not only rewritten the "baptism vows" but we have also made proposed changes in the wording of paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of **The Directory For Worship**, chapter 3.

In connection with this rewording we re-examined the updated **Testimony** statements in the new **Confession/Testimony** chapters relating to baptism and vows. The following statements seem significant:

from Ch. 22—Of Lawful Oaths and Vows

"A vow is an act of voluntary dedication to God of one's person, goods or services. A vow is usually made by an individual." (p. 55) (Ps. 76:11 is used as a reference to define a vow in par. 6 of **Confession**.)

"While it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between the uses in Scripture of the words "vow" and "covenant," a covenant that men make with God differs from a vow in that it is a corporate act of pledging obedience to what God has commanded in his covenant." (p. 56)

The sacrament of baptism of the N.T. is the "ordinance for entrance into . . . covenant union with God." (p. 56)

from Ch. 28—of Baptism

"All those who receive baptism are to be considered part of the covenant people of God." (p. 76)

"The children of believing parents are to receive baptism because of their covenantal relationship." (p. 76)

Some comments on the above statements: Baptisms, though usually happening one at a time in our experience, are nonetheless corporate in their significance. Infant baptism is specifically a "covenant" ordinance, not a voluntary dedication. To anticipate a question: while the **Testimony** does go on to speak of "baptismal vows" and uses Ps. 76:11 (p. 77) this use of the reference and the term is not technically consistent with the distinction made in Ch. 22 but reflects a traditional manner of speaking. The distinction of vows from covenants is more clearly stated in the New than in the Old **Testimony**.

Since baptism is not voluntary (in the sense of our definitions) but is commanded, and since it is specifically covenantal (therefore, corporate, not

private) in its essence, and since nothing is required in the queries except that which is viewed as commanded within the context of covenant responsibility, we thought it wise to use covenant terminology rather than “voluntary” terminology both when referring to the queries taken by the parents and also in the queries themselves. These queries should be thought of as the “terms” of the child’s membership in the church.

With reference to rewriting the “baptism vows,” we chose not to follow the old format for two reasons. 1) We were unable to discern the pattern followed when the original “vows” were formulated, and 2) we wanted to see a natural connection between the covenant embraced by the parents and the one they affirm in relation to their child. Therefore, we decided to base the Covenant of Baptism on the Covenant of Church Membership while incorporating the principles of the previous “vows.”

With these things in mind we propose the following changes in **The Directory For Worship** chapter 3:

Paragraph 4—Baptism is to be administered to those who make a credible profession of their faith in Christ and to their children. Adults assent to the Covenant of Church Membership. Parents who present their children renew this covenant, and affirm the Covenant of Baptism in relation to their child, pledging the faithful performance of their duties as Christian parents. (See **Confession/Testimony** ch. 28) If one believing parent is not a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, he may come forward with the other and give assent to this Covenant so far as he is willing. An unbelieving parent should be encouraged to be present and to accompany the believing parent in presenting the child, but unbelievers should not be encouraged to give assent to this Covenant.

Paragraph 5—The minister shall give a brief explanation of the meaning and purpose of the Sacrament. Those who are to be baptized shall come forward either before or after this address, and stand for the administration of the Sacrament. The parents shall renew their commitment to the Covenant of Church Membership. If this Covenant has been reviewed recently in the congregation, assent to it may be given by answering the following question:

“Do you publicly renew your profession of faith in Christ and acknowledge your acceptance of the Covenant of Church Membership?”

The parents shall take the Covenant of Baptism in relation to their child:

1. Do you believe this child is a possession of God entrusted to your care?
2. In this light, do you promise to provide for his/her temporal well-being, to teach him/her to love God and His Word, the Bible, and to provide him/her with a God-centered education?
3. Do you promise to teach him/her of his/her sinful nature, of the plan of salvation which centers in Jesus Christ, and his/her own personal need of a relationship with Christ?

4. To the end that he/she may grow in the Christian life, do you promise to pray for him/her, and to train him/her to read the Bible, to pray, to keep the Lord's Day and to understand the nature of the church, the value of its worship and fellowship, and his/her need to seek communicant membership in the church?
5. Do you promise to lead him/her by your example and parental discipline exercised in love to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in all the relationships of life?
6. Do you make these promises in the presence of God, in humble reliance upon his grace, as you desire to give your account with joy at the last Great Day?

Paragraph 6—Omit the first sentence and begin paragraph: The congregation shall rise, . . .

The minister may also address this question to the congregation:

Do you the members of this congregation receive this child into your fellowship and promise to pray for him/her and to help and encourage the parents as they bring him/her up in the Christian life?

Recommendations:

1. That the proposed changes in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of Chapter 3 of **The Directory of Worship** be approved and sent down in overture.
2. That the committee be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Copeland

Bruce Hemphill

Don Reed

Tom Price, Chm.

The Court took recess in prayer by Lester Kilpatrick.

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1983, 1:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 72C the Court was reconvened in prayer by Edmund Schisler.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee brought in a recommendation concerning the appointment of the Judicial Committee on Vow 8. The recommendation was adopted and appears with the Report of the Nominating Committee.

The Committee called for in Item 5 of the Report of the Committee on Long Range Financial Planning was appointed by motion from the floor. It appears in the Report of the Nominating Committee.

The following special resolution and recommendations were adopted and are as follows:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ABORTION

It is with sorrow that the 154th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America notes the continuing support of the Supreme Court of the United States of America for the immoral practice of abortion.

It is sorrowful because some of the most erudite men of this nation have failed to understand the most simple concept of the sanctity of the life of the unborn child.

It is sorrowful because the Supreme Court supports the immoral termination of the life of the unborn on the basis of the choice of the child's mother rather than recognizing that choice is only a consideration to be made before conception, and not after it.

It is also sorrowful because the leaders of our government have not recognized that the nation which practices immorality will be punished as a nation. We have been punished repeatedly as a people, and yet we have not recognized Almighty God's displeasure in our "natural" disasters.

Finally, and perhaps the greatest sorrow of all for us, is the fact that the Christian churches have supported the immoral practice of abortion, and yet have at the same time named Jesus Christ as their Savior. Such a position contradicts moral judgment and the clear teachings of the Scripture. We are like the nation of Babylon: "they will not even have compassion on the fruit of the womb, nor will their eye pity children."—Isaiah 13:18.

May this resolution strike the conscience of each member of the Congress, the members of the Supreme Court who support abortion, and those churches which dishonor Jesus Christ by such an immoral position on the life of the unborn.

Roy Blackwood
Walter William Swartz
M. L. McFarland
Edward A. Robson

Carter R. Rowe
Marty Wilsey
H. B. Harrington
Jonathan Watt

Recommendations:

1. That the clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Congress and to the members of the U.S. Supreme Court.
2. As opportunity permits, that each pastor and elder send a copy of this resolution to pastors of churches which support abortion.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Howard Elliott. After the singing of Psalm 133A the Moderator pronounced the Benediction. The Synod is called to meet at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, on August 2, 1984, at 3 p.m. local time.

APPENDIX

In Memoriam: LUTHER BOYD McFARLAND

Luther Boyd McFarland, son of James Calvin and Nancy (Young) McFarland, was born May 12, 1902, in prairie country near Billings, OK. His early training in a Christian home and his elementary school years took place in Oklahoma. He became a communicant member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Billings in 1912. Later the family moved to the Orlando, FL area. An indication of the quality of the home appears in this statement: "Luther's parents were concerned that their growing family of five sons and two daughters be in an area where a Covenanter Church might prosper." Thus the family became charter members of the Orlando congregation, organized in December, 1920.

Upon Luther's graduation from high school his desire was to attend Sterling College in Kansas, but this was not possible at the time. So he became employed selling books, some of which were Bible concordances and Bible story books. He also was employed in construction work which he later recalled in sermon illustrations applied to a person's spiritual life. Thus, when progress toward life-goals was delayed and he was forced into a waiting period, he pressed on with useful employment which by God's providence was later seen as a helpful experience.

In 1925 his parents were led to relocate on a farm near Sterling, KS., which opened the way for Luther to receive training in the college of his choice. He was graduated in 1929. He apparently was conscious of the Lord's call to the ministry, so there was no waiting period at this point; he entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in the fall of 1929. He was licensed to preach the gospel by Kansas Presbytery in 1931, and was graduated from the Seminary in May, 1932.

In August of that year he was married to Ethel Anderson of Sterling, after a long engagement and regular correspondence during his Seminary years. Their wedding was in the bride's home, and Luther's brother, the late Dr. A. J. McFarland, officiated.

Luther's pastoral ministry began in October, 1932, as Stated Supply for the LaJunta, Colo., congregation. After approximately one year he was called as their pastor and was ordained September 6, 1933.

After nearly ten years he was released, and was installed as pastor of the Belle Center, Ohio, congregation in May, 1942. This pastorate continued more than nine years, when he was called by the Montclair, N.J., congregation and began his ministry there in 1951. During part of that period he was a member of the Foreign Mission Board and served as travel agent for missionaries, arranging transportation and encouraging travelers, both outgoing and returning.

His pastorate at Montclair continued approximately 15 years, until February, 1966. He was called to the Hebron congregation in Kansas, and ministered there until January, 1975, at which time he retired from the active pastorate.

Luther and Ethel then made their home in Sterling, Ks., where they had both lived earlier, and where they were near some of their relatives and many friends. They also valued precious friendships that had been formed in succeeding pastorates. During that period Luther continued to minister by preaching in various congregations and at the Presbyterian Manor.

These faithful Christian partners in marriage were privileged to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary in August, 1982, at which time their two sons, Marion and Gene, and their families rejoiced to be together.

Approximately two months later, on November 1, 1982, Luther was called to enter the Heavenly Home. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

In his ministry he had sought to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." One former parishoner wrote: "Rev. Luther McFarland was a very sympathetic man. When some of our members were going into military service, he was helpful in understanding and sustaining of these men and their families."

One authentic testimony to the sincerity, spirit and faithfulness of this devoted couple is the fact that their two sons responded to God's call to the ministry and are continuing preaching and teaching God's Word.

In Memoriam: DR. JOHANNES G. VOS

Dr. Johannes Vos was the son of the renowned Princeton theologian, Geerhardus Vos. His mother, Catherine, is still known by us as the author of Vos' **Bible Story Book**. It was that Godly heritage and vigorous defense of the orthodox Christian faith which, under God's covenant, had its influence on Johannes Vos.

He attended Calvin College and was graduated from Princeton University in 1924 as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Sensing the call to the gospel ministry he took his training beginning in 1925 at Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1928-29 he took one year of study at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh. Later in 1937 he received the Master of Theology degree from Westminster Theological Seminary.

In 1931 he married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William George Milligan of the Olathe Congregation. They both served as missionaries in Manchuria. The incredible load of teaching, writing and preaching by Dr. Vos would not have been possible without the support of his wife, Marian. God has blessed the Vos household with four children: Catherine, George, Melvin, Raymond.

Dr. Vos was a churchman. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America on the basis of conviction and sought throughout his life to educate people concerning the creeds of his church.

He was a pastor and missionary. He served as pastor of the Miller's Run and Hebron congregations. Between these pastoral experiences he spent eleven years as a missionary in Manchuria. He pastored a small group of believers in Tsitsihar, the capital of the northern most province and later served as principal and professor of Bible at the Newchang Bible School.

He was a college professor and leader at Geneva College. In 1954 Dr. Vos became a member of the Department of Bible at Geneva College and in 1955 he was appointed Chairman. Many of the members of this Court will now remember with thanksgiving his exacting academic demand seasoned by his delightful humor. My one regret is that we didn't gather a J. G. Vos book of jokes.

A few years ago at a testimonial dinner in his honor, President Edwin Clarke, expressed gratitude for the contribution of Dr. Vos to the college's renewed commitment to Christian education. Dr. Clarke's inaugural address in 1957 had several extensive quotes in it from Dr. Vos' pamphlet "What is Christian Education?" Geneva College's present status as a Reformed Evangelical Christian College owes much to the influence of J. G. Vos.

Dr. Vos was an author and editor. He was not the theologians' theologian, but the people's theologian. Many of us will be eternally grateful for the way he could take profound doctrines and make them clear and simple. He has authored many pamphlets, books, articles and articles for encyclopedias. We all remember his prodigious labor with the quarterly journal "Blue Banner Faith and Life." But we must mention a little known fact, namely that most of his father's books were edited, written and rewritten by J. G. Vos. For example, the profound and significant work still used extensively today, **Biblical Theology**, was assembled in a completely rewritten form from a mimeographed syllabus and lecture notes by Jack Vos. Humanly speaking the tremendous revival of interest in and commitment to Vosian Biblical theology would not have been possible without J. G. Vos.

But Jack would not want us to be listing all these things simply about him. He would want us to recognize that it was all possible because a sovereign, merciful God saved a sinner and then enabled him to minister. He would want us to say—to God alone be the glory, and to pray that God would raise up faithful defenders of the faith and preachers of the gospel.

It is within that context that we offer our sympathy to the family and confess "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" (and indeed) "their works do follow them."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINATION VOW 8

This committee was asked to consider a Paper from Elder Moberg of the St. Lawrence Presbytery as it was passed on to us by that Presbytery. We believe that the question of the St. Lawrence Presbytery defines the task of the committee in the following words: "The Presbytery would like to ask Synod the question, "Is Mr. Moberg's paper in harmony with the Revised Testimony and if not, how is it to be answered?" Therefore the committee dealt with the paper in two parts:

1. Is Elder Moberg's Paper in harmony with the Revised Testimony?
2. If not, how is it to be answered?

Your committee finds that Elder Moberg's Paper is not in harmony with the Revised Testimony. At two points we find this to be true.

First of all it finds that Synod can rule just as the elders did in Acts 15. Elder Moberg believes that unique apostolic authority was operative or decisive there and since we lack that today we (Synod) may not rule as they did in Acts 15. To the contrary we believe that the incident of Acts 15 was recorded not merely to establish that circumcision is not an obligation of the New Testament Church but to give instruction in church government.

Four obligations were listed in the conclusions reached by the Jerusalem Council which were sent back to the church in Antioch. These obligations upon the New Testament Church were summarized by James in Acts 15:20, 29. Three of the obligations were imposed even though they were parts of the ceremonial law which was already fulfilled. The fourth was an application of the Moral Law (adultery) and was reinforced in other New Testament passages.

Several considerations should guide us in determining the application of this passage to the operation of church government today: 1) The Apostles were not speaking with apostolic authority given to them by Jesus because they were appointed and charged by Him personally, but were functioning as elders. The Apostles considered themselves elders also (I Pet. 5:1 "also an elder"). When the Apostles spoke as apostles they didn't need to call the Church together to make a decision. 2) The Jerusalem Council was not adding to God's commands in the first three of the obligations laid on the churches. Rather they were fulfilling their obligations as elders on that particular occasion and were acting for the peace and order of the Church. As elders it was their obligation to God and the Church to do so. 3) This letter, which was sent to believers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia, was sent as the authoritative voice of the Church. Had this letter gone out just from the Apostles it would not have served as a model to guide Synods and Councils today. However, in God's providential planning, it is such a guide today. Therefore, when a session, presbytery, or synod is constituted and the guidance of the Holy Spirit is sought we believe God gives that guidance; though not infallibly. 4) Finally, we believe elders are provided for the Church who are wise and understanding men who are to use these qualities

in applying the Scriptures, not just to quote the words of Scripture.

Now let us ask ourselves this question: Is the Testimony's ruling in chapt. 26 like what was done in Acts 15? That is, in the statement regarding the use of beverage alcohol, was the Church following the Acts 15 precedent? The statement, in part, from chapt. 26 reads as follows: "To prevent damage to our neighbor, to provide mutual help in godly living and to strengthen each other in living a disciplined life it is altogether wise and proper that Christians refrain from the use, sale and manufacture of alcohol beverages." If the use of drugs or alcoholic drink in a community is a factor in wreaking havoc to the peace and order of the Church, wise men can see it. Those who have elected them to be their elders (overseers), have a right to expect them to speak authoritatively. As the order and unity of the Church at Antioch were threatened, so the peace, order, and unity of the Church may be, and often is, threatened in our day. Synods and elders will err in some of their corporate actions, but this does not excuse them from acting to meet the needs of the Church.

The reaction of the Church at Antioch was, "They rejoiced for the consolation" after reading the letter with its necessary obligations. The Church will rejoice today also when the elders act for the peace and unity of the flock. Dare we say as elders today, as we refuse to act, "We know that the elders boldly acted in Acts 15, but the Church today must remain silent regardless of how it is being attacked by the world." Acts 15 does lay on the Church an obligation to speak to the distorted concept of freedom with which our generation is infected. The elders of the Church have so spoken out in chapt. 26 of the Testimony as noted above. Let us listen.

Let us note, however, that the ruling of Acts 15 was not permanent and universal in three of its concerns. ("That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled.") It was a matter of wisdom in that situation as long and as far as the situation warranted. So too is the position of the Testimony on the use of alcohol. While not permanent and universal, the ruling of Acts 15 was not left only for individual application. It was a ruling binding on the Church represented there.

Second, with certain things, that although Scripture doesn't explicitly require abstinence, it does allow for an implicit requirement of abstinence, i.e. regarding eating meat offered to idols. In I Cor. 8 and Rom. 14 Paul states that eating meat offered to idols of itself is neither good nor evil. But because of the conscience of a weaker brother they should refrain lest they sin against that brother. Thus, though there wasn't an explicit command not to eat meat offered to idols for ever in the future, yet there was an implicit command as long as there might be harm to the conscience of a weaker brother. Therefore as long as this condition existed there was a conditional command or requirement against such eating. Since the elders of Acts 15 made an implicit conditional command a requirement for the Church the elders of the R.P.C.N.A. Church may also do so.

The second question the Committee asked at the outset was, "If not, how is it to be answered?" That is, since we find Elder Moberg's Paper not in harmony with the present law of the Church what is our answer to his paper? It is this: Since the elders of the RPCNA Church have placed the statement in the Revised Testimony that:

"It is altogether wise and proper that Christians refrain from the use, sale, and manufacture of alcohol beverages," and in the queries to ordained officers this statement, "to abstain from alcohol and habit forming narcotics . . .," we believe no exception should be made to these rules in vow taking or in practice.

Recommendations:

1. That the above answers be sent to the St. Lawrence Presbytery.
2. That a minority report by a member of this committee be distributed to Synod at least one day before this report is acted upon.
3. That this committee be dismissed.

Respectfully presented,
Donald Weilersbacher
Roney T. Posvar
Surrendra Gangadean
Glenn E. McFarland, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE REGARDING VOW #8 (Minority Report)

Your committee was asked to study and evaluate the arguments and positions contained in a paper written by Elder Gregory O. Moberg of the Rochester Fellowship and brought to Synod through Paper 81-5 from the St. Lawrence Presbytery. The paper concerns the teaching of the church with respect to alcoholic beverages.

The first major section of Mr. Moberg's paper asks the question: "Can total abstinence be required?" And it concludes that "requiring total abstinence is an unbiblical binding of the conscience." To arrive at this conclusion, the author divides the question into these two:

1. Do the Scriptures require of God's people total abstinence from alcoholic beverages?
2. If not, does the church have the authority to legislate such a practice among the people of God?

If these two questions can truly be answered negatively, the conclusion seems inescapable.

With respect to the first of these two questions, your committee agrees with the author that "there is no direct, universal command to total abstinence." Mr. Moberg cites several pertinent Scripture passages as counterexamples. Certainly there are more that could be added to his list. It may be noted that these passages do not show in a balanced way the Scriptural view

of alcoholic beverages, but we recognize that this was not the author's purpose at this point.

The answer to the second question (and thus also the conclusion that total abstinence cannot be required) hangs on the interpretation of Acts 15, the biblical narrative of the council of Jerusalem. Mr. Moberg concedes that "the narrative of Acts 15 does provide us with a model of how our Synod should operate," yet he claims that our Synod does not have the same authority over the church. But if our Synod does not have the same authority as the Jerusalem council, then Acts 15 gives no Scriptural precedent for the existence of our Synod. It merely demonstrates how the apostles exercised their unique authority over the church. Today we cannot go up to Jerusalem to consult the apostles, so no present-day council can claim Acts 15 as a precedent or model.

Mr. Moberg's discussion of Acts 15 has two main points. The first is that the council required no more than what was already required by the Old Testament Scriptures. The second is that apostolic presence is required if a council is to have legislative powers. Establishment of the truth of either one of these points would be sufficient to prove that there is no precedent in Acts 15 for the church today to legislate a practice that is not required by the Scriptures.

But did not the council require that which was not required by the Scriptures? First of all, there is no explicit command in the Old Testament that God's people should abstain from food offered to idols. This appears to be a First Century issue, in which the problem was that some weaker brothers were mistakenly identifying the eating of food offered to idols with the sin of idolatry which is so clearly forbidden by the Scriptures. Furthermore, with regard to the council's prohibition of blood and of things strangled, surely it was clear to them that they were requiring things that were no longer required by the Scriptures because the ceremonial law was fulfilled in Christ. By this time the abrogation of the ceremonial law already had been shown clearly both to Peter (Acts 10) and to Paul. The fourth practice which the council prohibited, fornication, was indeed already forbidden by the Scriptures, but we must conclude that in the other three prohibitions the council required of the church practices which were not required by the Scriptures.

With respect to the apostolic presence at the Jerusalem council, there is no indication in Acts 15 of the exercise of a unique apostolic authority. The "apostles and elders" met together to consider these questions, and there is never a mention of "apostles" without "elders." The apostles were elders, and they did not always assert all of the rights and authority they had as apostles (I Corinthians 9; I Thessalonians 2:7; I Peter 5:1). The apostles did not in this case merely hand down an authoritative decree, but they listened to Peter, Barnabas, Paul, and James, and in the end, "the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided . . ." (v. 22). The words "it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us" in their letter need not be taken to imply any more

than that they knew that the Holy spirit had guided their decision; a unique, direct, “supernatural” confirmation of their action by the Holy Spirit is indicated.

Thus the council of Jerusalem did require more than what was already required by the Old Testament Scriptures. And we have concluded that the apostolic presence was not necessary for the enactment of such legislation. Therefore, based on the precedent of Acts 15, the church today does have the authority to legislate a practice that is not required by the Scriptures.

However, Acts 15 does not provide a precedent for the church to legislate whenever and whatever it pleases, for any reason. For with respect to the three Jerusalem prohibitions that went beyond the requirements of Scripture, two facts must be noted:

1. The purpose of the prohibitions was to keep the church from putting a stumbling block in front of its weaker members.
2. The legislation was temporary; it did not and does not bind the church of all ages.

The church today does not require its members to continue to place themselves under any part of that ceremonial law which was fulfilled in Christ. And with regard to the eating of food sacrificed to idols, when Paul wrote on this subject some five years later in his first epistle to the church in Corinth, he made no mention of the Jerusalem council or of any absolute prohibition of the practice. In fact, he asserted the believers’ freedom to eat such food, though his emphasis is the caution “that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak” (8:9). It is, furthermore, clear that the setting of the Jerusalem council is a situation in which many weaker brothers (in this case, those who felt that it was necessary to obey particular elements of the Old Testament law) were present in the church. We must thus conclude that the legislation handed down by the Jerusalem council bound the church only temporarily—only so long as the presence of so many weaker brothers (with respect to these particular practices) made such prohibitions necessary. Acts 15, then, does not give the church *carte blanche* to require of its members practices which are not required by Scripture. The authority of the Synod to require such practices is limited to the enactment of temporary legislation for the sake of the weaker brothers.

What, then, are the implications of Acts 15 with respect to the wording of Vow #8? First, because total abstinence can be required by the church only on a temporary basis, this requirement has no place in a vow which should be binding upon an ordained officer of the church for as long as he holds the office. Second, it should be noted that Acts 15 provides no precedent for binding the ordained officers of the church to a practice to which the rest of the church is not bound. (Other passages give specific qualifications for the offices of elder and deacon, but total abstinence is not among those requirements.) There may be some who feel that all members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church are required to abstain from alcoholic beverages, but

the language of the Revised Testimony is generally regarded by the church as a compromise (no negative connotation here) by which the church has consciously moved away from its former position of requiring total abstinence of all of its members. Hence the requirement of total abstinence by means of an ordination vow cannot be justified on the basis of Scripture.

We point out further that the Synod has already come to the following conclusion in its adoption last year of the report of the Committee on the Nature of the Ordination Vow: "In general, ordination vows should not focus upon particular doctrines or practices, but should indicate hearty acceptance of the church's confession and testimony as a whole." We regard total abstinence to be a particular practice to which this statement applies.

We therefore recommend:

1. That the words "alcoholic beverages and" be deleted from Ordination Vow #8.

The priests of the Old Covenant were, however, prohibited from using wine or strong drink when they came to the Tent of Meeting (Leviticus 10:9). Officers in the New Testament are not to be given to much wine (I Timothy 3:3, 8; Titus 1:7). We therefore recommend:

2. That the Form of Church Government (not the Testimony, not the Queries) include a statement that elders and deacons are not to be under the influence of alcohol while they are engaged in their official duties.
3. That item 2 be referred to the Committee to Rewrite the Form of Church Government with Reference to the Eldership.

Though your committee does not agree with Mr. Moberg's interpretation of Acts 15, we are in sympathy with the warnings he offers with respect to unnecessary legislation by the church. The church must not usurp authority that belongs to God alone.

The latter part of the paper concerns the church's dealing with alcohol usage. It would be appropriate for the church to provide guidance along these lines to its elders and to its members in general, since the church's position on alcoholic beverages is stated quite briefly in the Revised Testimony. The Testimony, however, is intended to be a brief document, and your committee feels that the statement on alcohol in the present Revised Testimony is adequate and need not be expanded.

Finally we recommend:

4. That this committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Lee Barclay

Description for a Proposed DIACONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

(**Note As To Terminology:** The phrase “diaconal ministries as used in this report does **not** refer primarily to the ministry of ordained deacons, but rather—taking the root idea of the word “deacon” as meaning “servant” and “helper”—it is used to refer to service and mercy ministries which are the proper responsibility of each Christian, each congregation of Christ and the church as a whole. Ordained deacons may be the appointed agents for **some** of this work and planning, but they can never be substitutes for the engagement of the whole church at all levels in giving practical embodiment to Christ’s answer to the question: “Who is my neighbor?”—Luke 10:36, 37)

General Committee Purposes

Part of the problem of trying to deal with human needs and misery is that the very effort of coming to comprehend the vast extent of that need can have the unfortunate effect of numbing the sensitivities and quenching the energy of the person who would like to help. What may be of some use in this connection would be a committee organization operating in behalf of the RP Church which would present us with some degree of order and some reasonable guidelines for action.

The stages of its activity, from the gathering of information to the actual involvement in some kind of planned ministry, might be given as follows:

1. Getting some fairly accurate idea of the actual extent and kinds of needs in the world today—especially among Christians.
 - a. Getting some idea of the extent and effectiveness of existing programs attempting to meet those needs.
 - b. Getting some idea of the obstacles and opposition which interfere with the meeting of those needs.
2. Getting some idea of needs existing in or near RP congregations.
3. Getting some idea of what capabilities and interests within the RP Church might be developed and used for diaconal ministries of various kinds.
4. Proposing, promoting and facilitating ways by which the RP Church can deal more fully in the Spirit of Christ with **some** segments of the totality of needs in terms of diaconal ministry.
 - a. Such a ministry must work so as actually to be effective in helping the needy, and also to demonstrate a good stewardship of our money, time and involvement.
 - b. Such a ministry must work out to involve the RP Church at all levels so that we become more directly and personally related to the needs of others (especially other Christians) in ways that increase and sharpen our love, zeal and spiritual power.

Specific Areas of Committee Activity

Information gathering and organizing

- building up a file on various kinds of diaconal agencies and organizations which might be of interest and use:
 - for knowing who is available to call upon or work with
 - for placing or recruiting interested RP workers for diaconal ministry
 - for getting information on the extent of needs and on the kind of works being done currently
- keeping up (or keeping current with) a job-file: of those looking to locate near an RP Church, and of opportunities and openings near various RP Churches.
- general information—gathering and think-tank activities:
 - for recognizing needs which the RP Church or its congregations could most effectively and beneficially minister to in our own vicinity
 - for thinking of ways in which various Christian needs at a greater distance from the RPC (either geographically or culturally) could be made into an involvement and ministry on a personal scale for the RPC or its congregations
 - for understanding what kinds of general needs (deprivations, oppression, persecutions) Christians and churches in other lands are having to live through, and finding out ways in which we in the RPC can help.

Coordinating or initiating ministries

- working with RP congregations or presbyteries to help organize, coordinate, promote or fund a diaconal ministry—perhaps with the help or cooperation of other agencies or organizations.
- organizing and funding a diaconal ministry by direct appeal to Synod

Promoting ministries or approving ministries for raising funds

- approving and listing a modest number of diaconal agencies or organizations as worthy and appropriate recipients of voluntary contributions from the RP Church or its congregations
- promoting interest (both within the RPC and elsewhere) in various diaconal ministries which are being engaged in by the RP Church, its congregations or membership. Included in such promotion may be, as appropriate, an appeal for funds.
- recommending to Synod for grants or loans in behalf of either RP diaconal ministries or for other diaconal agencies or organizations

The Larger Perspective

While it is true that the Diaconal Ministries Committee is to have as its principal goal the increased and effective involvement of the RP Church in diaconal ministries, it is also true that this cannot be accomplished meaningfully and to the glory of God unless such diaconal involvement arises out of

an understanding and conviction in the RP Church that these works and ministries are an integral part of a real faith and life in Christ. Therefore it should not seem out of order if the DMC should also take an active interest in the continuing “evangelization” and growth of the RP Church in terms of this aspect of the Gospel. Spiritual ends can only be achieved by spiritual means, and the work of the DMC should not be construed so narrowly that it becomes (or appears to become) merely a promoter of “programs.” This committee should have as full and broad a vision of the call that Christ calls us to as the church which it is meant to serve.

Organization

Let each Presbytery select three or four members from within its bounds, persons who have proven themselves interested, active, and effective in carrying out works of mercy, and who declare themselves willing to take on the task of promoting the greater involvement of the RP Church in diaconal ministries. These persons will constitute a Presbytery Diaconal Ministries Sub-committee and serve three-year staggered terms.

Let the Synod, then, every two years appoint one of the Presbytery DMS’s to serve a two-year term as Synod’s DMC. During this two-year term the same DMC will act both for its own Presbytery and the Synod.

The Presbytery DMS’s will supply information and ideas to the Synod’s DMC and in turn act as liaison between the Synod’s DMC on the one hand, and the Presbyteries and congregations on the other.

It is suggested that Synod shall determine a year in advance the particular Presbytery whose DMS shall become Synod’s next DMC. This is to facilitate coordination and continuity of activity between one DMC and its successor.

It is also suggested that no further constitutional details of Synod’s DMC be defined at this time; let the need for such further definition be brought up by the DMC itself.

Budget

Let Synod’s DMC be granted money from Synod 1) to cover its normal operating expenses (e.g. correspondence, acquisition of literature, printing and distribution of informational and promotional material, travel, miscellaneous office supplies) and 2) to give it freedom to invest (either as an outright gift or as a loan) in some appropriate diaconal ministry involving the RP Church—especially in the starting of such ministries.

The Presbytery DMS’s are to draw upon their own Presbyteries for ordinary travel and office expenses.

Recommendations:

1. That the “Description for a Proposed Diaconal Ministries Committee” which constitutes the body of this report be approved.

2. That the following budget request for this proposed Committee be approved:

for Committee operating expenses	\$2,500
for diaconal ministry funding	4,000
	\$6,500

3. That Synod adopt as its procedure for the actual institution of the proposed Committee that a two-thirds vote of approval be required.
4. That the Synod proceed to vote to institute the Diaconal Ministries Committee as one of its permanent committees.
5. That the Presbyteries be called upon to select their own individual Diaconal Ministries Sub-Committees at this meeting of Synod
6. That Synod proceed to appoint one of the Presbytery Diaconal Ministries Sub-Committees to serve a two-year term as its own Diaconal Ministries Committee.
7. That the present Constitutional Committee for a Permanent Committee on Diaconal Ministry be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Edgar

David N. Fenchel

John M. McMillan

Duncan Lowe, Chairman

REPORT OF THE REFORMATION TRANSLATION FELLOWSHIP

We appreciate the support of Synod in making Charles Chao officially a missionary of the Church, as he continues his primary effort in translating and publishing books and the **Reformed Faith and Life** magazine. He has also had opportunity for teaching the book of Romans to senior students of Christ's College in Taipei, and opportunities, as well, for speaking and preaching. The invitation for teaching systematic theology in the Seminar over the Far East Broadcasting Co. radio, grows out of the slow and painstaking labor of the past 33 years.

Contributions to the RTF have enabled us to maintain the Taiwan headquarters as a center for the work, and for the distribution of the publications, many now for sale.

Mr. Chao's son Jonathan, heads the Chinese Church Research Center in Hong Kong, and the Center's reports based particularly on interviews with Chinese visitors to their home areas on the China mainland, and with visitors to the mainland from Hong Kong, are widely recognized as giving an accurate picture of the circumstances under which the Christian witness is maintained, something not easily available. Many of this Synod have read Jonathan's articles in **Christianity Today** and in other magazines. This close family tie is giving us encouragement that the Covenanter witness of the first half of this century is yet bearing fruit particularly in regard to the issues of

civil government's relation to the Church, crucial in China today, the same which made martyrs of many in Scotland in the 16th and 17th centuries.

We plead with Synod for your interest and prayer with regard to an understudy for Mr. Chao, for a competent staff of translators and writers, and for the Board of Directors that we may have wisdom in working with Synod's Board of Foreign Missions. And pray for the suffering and Word-hungry Christians who use the Chinese language.

Recommendation:

1. That Charles Chao address the Court on behalf of the Fellowship for ten minutes.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

For almost 10 years Dr. R. W. Caskey has served as the Administrative Secretary of the National Reform Association. At the 1982 meeting of Synod, Dr. Caskey indicated his desire to seek retirement by the end of that year. To fill Dr. Caskey's shoes was not an easy task for the Board. Due to the financial base it was not possible to fill this position with a full-time person.

The Board discussed this position with two men of this Synod and then decided to divide the task. Rev. Raymond Joseph was asked to be the Editor of the **Christian Statesman**, and Dr. M. L. McFarland was asked to serve as the Executive Director. These arrangements are for a trial period of 6 months with a Board evaluation to follow at that time. Mrs. Joseph Caskey was asked to be the Financial Secretary with the office (and mailing address) to be in her home.

The Board has selected a Transition Committee to handle all of the details during this crucial time. It is felt that progress has been made during this transition period. The Board is, however, aware that having the office in one State, and the Editor and Director in two other States has its drawbacks. Another difficulty that has been a concern of the Association is the tenuous financial condition. The Board is aware that much work can be done as an Association but funds are not always available to set programs into operation. We do encourage congregations and others to maintain their level of support and, as plans develop, to seriously consider an increase in giving to the Association.

The Annual Dinner and Meeting has been set for October 10, 1983 with Congressman Robert Dugan as our guest speaker.

The Board is composed of 28 people. Those from the R.P. Church are: Roy Adams, David Carson, John P. Edgar, Robert Fullerton, Lester Kilpatrick, H. B. Harrington, Mel Martin, G. M. Robb, W. W. Weir, Jay Wissner, J. Renwick Wright, and Kermit Edgar as an Honorary Board Member.

Recommendations:

1. That Synod take note of the new mailing address:
National Reform Association
422 Seventh Ave. "PH"
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
2. That congregations and Summer Conference Directors consider seminars and workshops on the ministry of the National Reform.
3. That Mr. Joseph and Mr. McFarland be permitted to address the Synod for a combined time of 15 minutes.

**REPORT OF THE DELEGATE
TO THE 1983 N.A.E. CONVENTION**

The 41st Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals was held March 8-10 at the Sheraton Twin Towers in beautiful Orlando, Florida. The theme of the convention was "Change Your World." This timely theme provided the basis for a special time of fellowship with men and women from over 70 evangelical denominations. Under the capable leadership of Dr. John White of Geneva College, who was Program Coordinator, the delegates and friends of NAE were given a first-rate opportunity to hear an array of outstanding speakers and to participate in over 30 workshops where the teachings of Scripture found practical expression. Highlighting this convention was the special appearance of President Ronald Reagan who addressed the delegates on Tuesday afternoon, March 8.

Tuesday was devoted largely to pastors, their needs and encouragements. Wednesday and Thursday were taken up with workshops, business sessions, luncheon programs and climaxed by a banquet Thursday evening with Dr. Leighton Ford, internationally known evangelist, as the featured speaker. Main speakers included Ray Hughes, President of Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee, keynote speaker; author and pastor's wife Jill Briscoe; Bible teacher James Boice, pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Charles Colson, President, Prison Fellowship, Washington, D.C.

Our denomination received wide exposure through the ministry of the Geneva College Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Robert Cope-land. The Chamber Singers sang in the devotional period on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and were featured Wednesday evening in the Special Music segment of the program. They did an outstanding job! Contributing to our denominational exposure was the combined exhibit of Geneva College and the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Mr. Lee Troup of Geneva College ably answered inquiries about the College and Seminary programs.

The inspiration and encouragement from such a convention is something I wish could be experienced by all of our members. New ideas and the enthusiasm from Christian brothers and sisters outside of our denomination is extremely valuable and useable if we will permit ourselves to be exposed

to them. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America has made significant contribution to this organization and should not be minimized. We have four members on the Board of Administration: Mrs. Kermit Edgar, D. Howard Elliott, Robert A. Henning and Dr. John White. Others in attendance at this convention were Dr. Kermit Edgar, Mrs. Robert Henning, Mrs. Edward Forest, Synodical Delegate, Mrs. Robert Copeland, Mrs. John White and Rev. Robert McFarland, Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries. Many from the Orlando Congregation who hosted the Geneva College Chamber Singers also attended the Wednesday evening program.

While we belong to the N.A.E. as a denomination, congregations and individuals may also become members. I would urge that our congregations officially become members so that they may have closer communication with the evangelical movement and may provide support for a greater impact of the Christian Community upon our society and government.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Synod for the privilege of being your delegate to this convention.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Wright

REPORT TO THE SYNOD
by Donald W. Felker, President
Geneva College—June, 1983

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you concerning the events of the past year and the future of Geneva. As you are aware, there has been much turmoil on campus. We have had to deal with many problems through this past year. In such times it is easy to forget the command to present our requests unto the Lord with thanksgiving. I would like to mention some matters for thanksgiving in order that we might give thanks together for God's blessing. God has blessed our work in numerous ways.

One area for thanksgiving is the finances of the college. We have gone from using \$600,000 from reserves in 1981 to a financial situation this year where we are likely to have a modest surplus to apply toward the costs of our early retirement programs. This means that we have experienced an \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 positive gain in the financial strength of the college as seen in our yearly budgets. We should be thankful and optimistic for the resources that this makes available for the future of the college.

We also have had good experience in our enrollment situation. Our present declines in enrollment are less than what the general demographics would project. This indicates that our recruiting policy—keeping costs low, minimal fee increases, some new emphases in recruiting—combined with low attrition and the outstanding job our people do, is working.

We have been blessed with an increase in our gift income. For the first time, we have received over one million dollars from our general development projects. We are pleased that this money comes from a number of different sources and that we are increasingly able to spread our base of support.

Over the last three years we have seen the establishment of new academic programs which are needed in society. We have a new major in Spanish and Business which will allow us to increase our language influence on campus. We have a new major in Speech Pathology. Our Chemical Engineering major currently has 26 students in a rapidly expanding area. The upgrading of our work in Political Science to a major will provide us with greater opportunity to train young men and women for influencing the political scene. A new major in writing will provide marketable skills for students in English. These new programs are indications of our adjustment to the changing needs of society while maintaining our commitment to a broad liberal arts education with a Christian integration.

The whole area of academic funding is one for which we should be thankful. Because of our general cost control measures, we have been able to provide some flexibility in funding for academic improvements. Over the last three years we have established a budget item of \$50,000 for academic improvement and increased our funding for faculty leaves and advance study by 118%. The small grants program started in 1981 has provided many opportunities for faculty to try new ideas. The dramatic increase in academic computer availability is allowing our faculty and students to use modern technology in approaching the problems of their disciplines. In addition to the new main computer we have purchased microcomputers for half of our academic departments, including some departments such as English, Foreign Languages, and Music that are not technology oriented.

Over the past three years we have also seen a rejuvenation of our sports program. The rejuvenation indicates an increase in the number of students who are taking advantage of the opportunities for intercollegiate sports. Sports are a significant aspect of our student recruitment. In 1980, no Geneva team in intercollegiate sports had a winning record. In 1982 and 1983 we have had a league championship in basketball, a district championship in soccer, a district championship in baseball and a winning record in cross country and track, with the cross country team being invited to the national NAIA meet. Both men's tennis and women's basketball had dramatic turnarounds and were close to break-even records.

There also have been some encouraging additions to our church relations programs. We have started a Missionary in Residence Program, a Master's Program in Theology for our faculty in cooperation with Westminster Seminary and involvement with the black churches of Western Pennsylvania has increased. An advisory council with those churches has been established. We currently have one person working with the college and the local

black churches as a part of our program with the Coalition for Christian Outreach and are discussing the possibility of a second person to work with black church involvement. Those additions, coupled with our work with the CUTS Program have allowed us to offer an increased service to black Christians throughout the state as part of our ministry and mission. We have started a cooperative youth ministry program with St. Stephen's Church in Sewickley. We have had a missionary course on campus and in Pittsburgh in cooperation with the International Institute of Studies. For two years we ran a student missionary project in Haiti and for the last two years we have cooperated with the Pennsylvania Association of Evangelicals by providing a field representative for that program. All of these programs allow us to have a greater involvement and ministry to churches and are something for which we should be thankful.

These various matters of thanksgiving have come at the same time as we have had a heavy emphasis on stewardship of personnel in all areas. We are doing as good a job, and in many cases a better job, with fewer people as we have worked toward better organization and efficiency in accomplishing our priorities. God has surely been our help.

Along with these matters of thanksgiving we need to look at Geneva's future. The future will be a time of opportunity for Geneva College and the ministry which our church has through Geneva. The decades in front of us will certainly be a time of rapid change. These changes give opportunity to educate young men and women to be Christian leaders in a manner that will fit them to direct this change for the Kingdom of God. The years ahead present an opportunity for the college, but they are years which are likely to be mixed with tremendous dangers and challenges. I request your prayers for the Board of Trustees, and for the future leadership of the college, as they look to these opportunities and as they attempt to deal with the challenges which face them. The challenges facing the college are in the areas of: Survival, Quality, Relevance, and Christian Integration.

If Geneva College is to fulfill the mission of educating young men and women, it must be concerned with survival in the decades ahead. This does not mean that we should adopt a "survival mentality," where simply surviving becomes an end in itself. Geneva exists for a purpose, but it cannot fulfill that purpose if we do not give adequate attention to the dangers facing Christian higher education.

In 1975 we saw the beginning of a decline in graduating high school seniors in the United States. This year we began a dramatic acceleration in that decline. The "Baby Boom Bulge," which has fueled enrollments for the last 20 years, is over. We face a drop of approximately 25% in the number of Pennsylvania high school graduating seniors over the next 12 years. The drop in Allegheny County over that same period is projected to be approximately 32%. There will be a drop between 1979 and 1995 of graduating high school seniors in the states where Geneva heavily recruits its students of 37%, 42%, 31%, and 41%.

This means that institutions of higher learning will be attempting to recruit from a pool of students that will be dramatically reduced. For every ten potential students that Geneva talks to this year, there will be only seven students to talk to a decade from now.

The effects of this demographic change on higher education in general are predicted to be dramatic and in some cases disastrous. Between 200 and 500 colleges are predicted to go out of business before the next century, with most of them expiring in the next decade. For those colleges that do survive, the internal changes are likely to be dramatic. In 1982-83 there were 40,000 fewer students in private higher education than the year before. That translates into 2,000 full-time faculty loads, and is likely to produce much dislocation in the years ahead.

But what does this mean particularly for Geneva? One thing it means is that the college faces a couple of decades of sacrifice. This sacrifice will have to be made by you who support the college since some of the loss in income due to fewer students will have to be made up by gift income from those who want to see the college continue its work. It is likely to be a decade in which the college calls upon the church for greater support in order that we might continue our work. But it will also be a couple of decades of sacrifice for those who are employed at the college. My generation, which graduated from college in the 50's has been a generation of educational affluence. But this affluence is coming to an end. Over the next two decades it is quite likely that much of Christian higher education will return to the financial sacrifice which has existed in other aspects of Christian ministry. If Geneva continues to attract students as well as it has in the last five years, the college will eventually be a college of 800 students in comparison to the 1200 of this year. To point out the likelihood of a smaller student body has been regarded by some as pessimism, but the true pessimism is to think that we can only serve God if He gives the same number of students as we now have and continues the affluence that we have enjoyed. Whatever the sacrifice, the task is worth doing and we should continue to work together in order that this ministry which has been given unto us might go on.

The college will continue to face questions of quality and relevance in its academic programs. In a highly competitive market for students, the questions of quality and relevance become even more important. It is not enough to survive or to attract adequate numbers of students. The programs to which they are attracted will need to increase in their quality and in their relevance, if we are to accomplish the task given to us by the Lord.

The decades ahead are likely to continue to be decades of rapid change. Some futurists picture the change taking place in Western society as being as dramatic as those changes produced by the Industrial Revolution. We are moving rapidly from a society that has been dominated by production of goods to a society that is dominated by information. The task which faces schools like Geneva is to adequately educate our students so that they can deal with these rapid changes, occupy positions of leadership in the emerging

technological and information oriented society, while dealing with the questions of humanness which make up a quality Christian education. It will be difficult to develop and modify programs so that they are both relevant to the current changes pressing upon us and deal with continuing questions of mankind that come to us from the past. A well-rounded individual who does not possess the ability to deal with modern society is likely to be irrelevant. A highly competent individual who can deal with the technology of society but is not well rounded and well equipped to deal with the continuing concerns of humanity is likely to be just as irrelevant in leading other people for the Kingdom of God.

Higher education has been faced with questions of quality in the recent past in an atmosphere of expansion. The question has frequently been, "What do we need to add in order to increase the quality of our programs?" What we now face is a period of retraction and retrenchment, so the questions of quality become much more difficult. The primary question facing our academic programs is now, "How can we retrench and scale down and yet increase our quality at the same time?" It will be a difficult task to develop methods of increasing quality in a rapidly changing educational milieu with limited opportunities for new personnel to be fed into the system. The questions of survival, quality, and relevance are likely to lead to increased inter-personal and community stress on many campuses. Geneva has not been free from this stress in recent years. As we have tried to plan for the future and be prepared to take advantage of the changes that are now upon us, we have seen increased turmoil and stress.

The area of Christian integration is vital to the future of the college. We need to constantly keep in mind that as a Christian liberal arts college it is the Christian foundation which provides our integrating force, and not simply the liberal arts tradition that is present in many secular colleges.

Over the past two decades Geneva has made many exciting and significant steps toward a Christian integration in its purpose, in its course work, and in its programs. The emphasis has been largely on cognitive integration and how we mesh the Word of God with the academic subject matter that is being studied.

We need to continue to deal with questions of cognitive integration, but those questions are not the only questions of Christian integration. A vital aspect of Christian integration is dealing with the question of how do we live in our day-to-day interactions, and how do we face the issues which are before us in a manner which is distinctly Christian? Two-and-one-half years ago, when I presented my short-term goals to the college and the Trustees, I said that one of my goals was to cultivate a cohesive community of Christians working together at Geneva. I went on to say, and I quote from that address:

"The matter of working together is important. During my time here I have heard much about communication and the need for it, gossip and the need to get rid of it, being trustworthy and trusting, and have seen and experienced

the genuine concern and care that many of you feel for each other and put into action in your daily walk. All of these are a part of cohesiveness because some behaviors pull us apart as all sin pulls apart and some behaviors pull us together in Christ.

I trust that we might have as a goal the cultivating of things such as trust, that we might be supportive of each other, that we might be encouragers of each other and that this might extend to faculty-students, students-maintenance, administration-food service, and all the other interactions which go on in a place as complex as Geneva.

This past year I have had the opportunity to engage in a systematic Bible study on the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23: 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.'

I have been impressed with the commands of Scripture to live a life based on the love that Christ has shown to us.

I am reminded of the story of the man who walked across the Continental United States. When asked, 'What bothered you most?' he replied, 'Sand in my shoes!' So many of the things that bother us most relate to the little, every-day occurrences and are like sand in our shoes. The matter that struck me was that so many of those things commanded in Scripture come right down to how we treat each other in everyday living on the job. It is my earnest desire that the Spirit of the Lord might lead us to interact in ways that will be pleasing to Christ and will build each other up in the Lord."

Interactions based on a Christian integration of faith and life still remain a viable goal to which the college must give attention if it is to be distinctly Christian.

The events of the past year have shown that there is much to be done in cultivating the fruit of the Spirit in the interactions on campus and the interactions of the campus with off-campus groups. As we look to the future of the college, I trust that we might continue in our prayers for the Trustees, that they might be given wisdom and steadfastness in directing the college in the years ahead. We should also pray for the future leadership of the college that they might have wisdom in developing plans for adequately facing that future, and for those who are employed at the college, that they might be willing to follow those who are chosen to lead.

This will be my last address and report to you as president of the college, and I want to thank you for your support and prayers during the time of my tenure. I appreciate the continuing concern for me and my family that many of you have shown. We look forward to a new ministry which will be in His leading, and we covet His continued blessing. Thank you.

Donald W. Felker
President
Geneva College

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE 1983 SYNOD THAT ARE NOT PRINTED ELSEWHERE IN THE MINUTES

PAPER 83-5 FROM ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY

LETTER: To be presented for adoption at the 1983 meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

TO: The congregations in Canada of

The Free Church of Scotland

The Presbyterian Reformed Church

The Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

SUBJECT: An Invitation to unite with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

BRETHREN: Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church.

Whereas, we hold to a common witness to the inerrancy of Scripture, to the system of doctrine contained in the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and related standards, and to the purity of worship as defined by the regulative principle of worship; and

Whereas, we feel the necessity of proclaiming the Gospel of the risen Lord Jesus Christ in Canada,

Whereas, we have established a seminary in Canada to train Canadian men for a Canadian ministry; and

Whereas, we feel constrained by our commitments to seek a more perfect unity among us as members of Christ's body;

Now therefore, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, in the bonds of our Lord Jesus Christ, invites you to join with us for the purpose of effecting and perfecting one church among us.

It is to be understood that this invitation is an action of the 154th session of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. To receive any presbytery of congregation which responds to this invitation, it will be necessary for the union to be approved through a constitutional process of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

PAPER 83-7 FROM THE IOWA PRESBYTERY

Iowa Presbytery would petition the Synod to appoint a committee to draw up a plan for re-alignment of Presbyteries. This would involve the three congregations of Iowa Presbytery and geographically close congregations from Ohio-Illinois and Midwest Presbyteries.

The object of this proposal is to seek the establishment of a larger presbytery.

Ronald V. Good, Moderator
Randall Van Osdol, Clerk

PAPER 83-9 FROM ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY

As a ruling elder of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in a new work, I am finding both a blessing and struggle. The blessing is in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a community in desperate need of this good news, and seeing the Holy Spirit raise up people in response to this message of deliverance from sin and its consequences. The struggle comes with persevering in this good work when faced with the growing needs of the congregation coupled with the limited resources typical of a new work.

It is becoming more and more apparent as the congregation progresses, how important the physical plant is to a continued and sustained growth. In our present location we have found blessing, we have also encountered problems, such as: inadequate heating and ventilation; restrictions on what we are able to schedule for social activities; lack of sufficient space for fellowship dinners; inadequate classroom space and storage; limited parking, intrusions on the worship service in various ways. We have also encountered some hostility on the part of the employees who maintain the building simply because we are a church. We also face the prospect of increasing rent without an equal improvement in services. The consensus on the part of the congregation is to find a better location, but we lack the financial resources to obtain a mortgage for the purchase of a building that would be large enough to meet present and projected needs.

I propose that Synod invest in real estate on behalf of new works which would allow the congregation to rent from Synod until such time that the congregation could actually purchase the building. I also propose that the rent be on an increasing scale (low at first, then increasing over time to a level commensurate with Synod's investment, including a fair rate of return). Finally, I would also propose that the rent paid could be applied to the purchase of the building for the congregation.

Obviously there are many details which would have to be worked out by Presbytery and Synod, but, I believe such a program can be done with success. The advantage to Synod would be the planting of our resources back into our own "field" rather than someone else's (corporations via stocks, etc) and still getting a return on the investment. The advantage to the established new work would be the lifting of many of the restrictions imposed by a current unsatisfactory location. Another advantage would be rent monies which we are presently paying to the "world" would then be returned to the Synod for future investment. The safeguard to the possibility of the failure of the new work is simply that the facility could be sold to recoup Synod's investment.

The above proposal is in keeping with the full committment which has to be made to a new work; and I believe it is in keeping with a truly presbyterian approach to problem solving in the visible church.

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Salaries are paid monthly.*

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**WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—COMBINED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 5, 1983**

"I have checked these records and find as of 1/5/83 the checking account balance to be \$584.90, savings account balance \$1,485.25; Total Balance \$2,070.17 to be correct."

Eve B. Hays

1/29/83

	BALANCE Jan. 5, 1982	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE Jan. 5, 1983
Contingent Fund	\$ 841.35	\$ 717.70	\$ 1,103.94	\$ 455.11
Life & Memorial Fund	2,536.42	532.74	1,454.10	1,615.06
Thankoffering Fund	0	27,112.99	27,112.99	0
Special Projects Fund	0	2,249.50	2,249.50	0
Designated Funds	0	7,497.62	7,497.62	0
		38,110.50	39,418.15	
Less Contingent to Life & Memorial Transfer		25.00	25.00	
	<u>\$ 3,377.77</u>	<u>\$38,085.55</u>	<u>\$39,393.15</u>	<u>\$ 2,070.17</u>

BANK ACCOUNTS

First Savings of Beaver Falls— Savings	\$ 2,377.53	\$ 107.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,485.27
Union National Bank of Pittsburgh— Checking	<u>1,000.24</u>	<u>38,977.81</u>	<u>39,393.15</u>	<u>584.90</u>
		39,085.55	40,393.15	
Less Savings to Checking Transfer		1,000.00	1,000.00	
	<u>\$ 3,777.77</u>	<u>\$38,085.55</u>	<u>\$39,393.15</u>	<u>\$ 2,070.17</u>

RECEIPTS

Iowa Presbyterian	\$ 2,103.00
Midwest Presbyterian	10,531.67
New York Presbyterian	7,797.06
Ohio-Illinois Presbyterian	8,149.85
Pacific Coast Presbyterian	1,085.70
Pittsburgh Presbyterian	7,640.03
Miscellaneous Contributions	670.50
Interest	107.74
	<u>\$38,085.55</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Contingent Fund

Women's NAE Fellowship	\$ 125.00	
Treasurer's Bond	36.00	
Honorarium—Dr. S. Bruce Willson	25.00	
Convention Expenses	790.73	
Officers & Superintendents Expenses	85.89	
Miscellaneous	16.32	
Interfund Transfer	25.00	\$ 1,103.94

Life & Memorial Fund

NAE World Relief	500.00	
R.P. Women's Association	500.00	
Ottawa, Canada Work	454.10	1,454.10

Thankoffering Fund

Home Missions	9,037.66	
Foreign Missions	18,075.33	27,112.99

Special Projects Fund

School Expenses for missionary children	1,000.00	
Air Mail Postage	203.60	
R.P. Women's Association	500.00	
Ottawa, Canada work	545.90	2,249.50

Designated Funds

Synod's Budget	125.00	
Foreign Missions	381.00	
Home Missions	599.00	
Japan	1,031.00	
Geneva College	977.00	
Seminary	917.00	
R.P. Home	445.00	
Reformation Translation Fellowship	1,234.50	
New York Presbytery	150.00	
Knox Kindergarten	596.00	
Anchorage	115.00	
Ottawa, Canada	40.00	
State College Fellowship	30.00	
Oswego, New York	10.00	
White Lake, New York	55.00	
Manhattan, Kansas	20.00	
Rev. Robert Tweed	10.00	
Colorado Springs	487.12	
Australia	100.00	
Rev. Robert McCracken	50.00	
Camp Lambec-Pittsburgh Presbytery	50.00	
Rev. Charles Leach	50.00	
Rev. Gene Spear	25.00	7,497.62

Total Disbursements

\$39,418.15

Mrs. Willard Hemphill
Treasurer

IOWA PRESBYTERY	DECEMBER 31, 1982 MEMBERSHIP										AVERAGE ATTENDANCE			1982 FINANCES																					
	INCREASE					DECREASE					Parsonage			RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS				Cash Balance 12-31-82	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1983												
	Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof.	Baptized Chd. / Prof. of Faith	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total				Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Final Removal	Other	Total	Sabbath School				Worship											
CONGREGATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Marion	49	44	31	13	1	1					1	1		5			6	4	3	32	30	Yea	Yea	2,148	1,600	23,924	23,924	14,417	1,000	627	7,156	23,200	2,872	18,683	14,024
Sharon	151	141	120	21			2	1		3			13		13		13	11	6	77	45	5	Yea	1,600	42,361	42,361	19,400	4,734	2,412	15,615	42,361	1,500	4,956	20,000	
Washington	103	112	70	42		4	2	1		2	9				0		5		10	No	86		No	1,495	29,046	29,046	19,278	300	3,520	6,514	29,912	629	5,000	14,500	
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MIDWEST PRESBYTERY	DECEMBER 31, 1982 MEMBERSHIP																	1982 FINANCES										Pastor's Salary 1983	Other Assets	Cash Balance 12-31-82																																																			
	INCREASE																	DECREASE					AVERAGE ATTENDANCE								RECEIPTS					DISBURSEMENTS																																													
	Total Membership					Total					Deaths					To R. P. Cong.					To Other Denom.					Final Removal					Other					Total					Total Disbursements					Other					Synod's Budget					Other R. P. Works					Pastor's Salary					Total Receipts					Supplemental Aid From Presbytery					Balance 12-31-81					
CONGREGATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			29	30	31	32	33	34	35																																												
Clarinda	45	49	38	11		1		1	2	4						0	4	4	35	28	No			2,433		29,620	29,620	4,980	515	995	19,165	25,683	6,390	11,261	14,980																																														
Colorado Springs	22	24	18	6					1						1	1	1	1	26	26	No			1,112	8,000	13,974	21,574	17,669	200	416	3,329	21,611	1,075	3,438	18,319																																														
Denison	101	102	76	26		3	1	1	1				4	1	1	1	3	7	70	63	6	Yes		4,464		44,561	44,581	15,968	6,000	5,268	14,020	41,276	7,789	14,744	13,300																																														
Gresley	83	72	64	8									0	2	9	11	8	6	38	32	3	Yes		1,691		33,128	33,129	14,546	1,291	2,848	15,972	34,657	163		12,800																																														
Hays	40	45	29	16		2	3	5		10			3	1	1	5	4	4	40	35	No			1,357	5,500	26,194	31,694	22,832	2,143	955	6,958	32,888	163		15,100																																														
Hebron	66	66	48	18		1				10		1			1	1	4	4	48	45	No			3,762		34,177	34,177	15,400	4,964	4,839	8,528	33,731	4,208	10,040	16,000																																														
Lawrence	75	85	54	31		1	3	4	3								0	5	4	84			(1,065)		37,993	37,998	17,631		680	20,072	38,363	(1,530)	285	15,500																																															
Mimela	44	43	38	5									0			1	1	4	4	40	35	12	No		3,619		45,623	45,623	22,748	1,700	1,904	16,856	43,208	6,034	19,648	17,200																																													
Park City	42	33	22	11						0			5	3	1		9	4	1	25	5	Yes		3,168		12,723	12,723	8,894		680	5,320	14,890	1,001	760	5,500																																														
Quinter	85	81	63	16									0	2	2	4	6	4	61	68	Yes			28		35,182	35,182	19,106	635		1,832	14,112	34,665	525																																															
Shawnee	138	142	106	36		4	1	5		10			2		2	4	6	6	10	125	101	10	No		10,416		109,875	109,875	40,136	13,438	9,231	39,248	102,215	18,076		33,538																																													
Sterling	108	107	82	25		2	2	1	3		6	2	4		1		7	5	5	79	57	6	Yes		13,072		55,491	55,491	18,268	11,800	6,094	18,763	54,563	14,000	2,500	19,750																																													
Superior-Baulah	47	46	41	5						1		1	1			1	2	3	4	23	13	4	Yes		373		13,743	13,743	8,199		1,138	3,021	12,358	1,758	2,659	7,500																																													
Topoka	146	148	127	21		2											0	8	8	111	89	8	Yes		30,239		85,691	85,691	24,240	16,687	6,972	29,894	76,763	39,167		25,240																																													
Westminster	52	59	38	21		2	2	1	2		7					0	2	3	60	60	No			3,043		41,411	41,411	22,188	2,000	2,772	17,166	44,126	328	107	23,219																																														
Winchester	75	76	57	19		2				2		2	1			1	7	6	84	40	4	Yes		1,681		38,467	38,467	17,317	4,000	2,438	14,873	38,628	1,540	3,030	15,984																																														
Manhattan, KS - MS	7	6	1			1	4	2	7										15		No				9,383	1,663	11,046	2,868		5,074	7,993	3,083			12,100																																														
* A teaching elder is on the congregational roll but is counted in the roll of presbytery.																																																																																	
Ministerial Members	30	30							2								2																																																																
On Presbytery's Roll	2	2																																																																															
TOTALS	1,201	1,217	939	278		3	23	17	23	3	69	11	15	14	11	2	53	76	74	944	687	50	8	79,413	22,883	659,062	681,945	292,031	65,153	49,046	251,358	657,588	103,770	88,472	266,030																																														

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OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY	DECEMBER 31, 1982 MEMBERSHIP																1982 FINANCES																		
	INCREASE								DECREASE								AVERAGE ATTENDANCE				RECEIPTS				DISBURSEMENTS										
	Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof.	Baptized Chd./ Prof. of Faith	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Final Removal	Other	Total	Balance 12-31-81	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R.P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-82	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1983							
CONGREGATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Belle Center	31	38	30	8	3	2	1	3	9	2	3	2	41	31	7	Yes	15,938	25,888	25,888	18,685	4,200	2,041	1,391	23,317	18,489	10,000	17,242								
Bloomington	91	86	73	13	2	1			3	1	2			5	8	4	9	64	34	2	Yes	7,087	41,558	41,558	11,014	5,935	6,361	16,548	39,858	7,501	14,360				
Columbus	40	58	42	16	5	7	3	7	7	24				2	1	3	6	2	2	54	37	No	1,706	3,761	30,927	34,708	22,560	1,000	1,383	7,006	31,949	4,465	15,534	22,837	
C. Fell. of Indianapolis	19	12	7				2	15		19								16,703	16,703	14,934				16,703	16,699	4								36,070	
Hedberton	37	35	28	7						0	1	1						797	5,500	15,557	21,057	4,432	1,296	592	10,267	16,377	5,277						11,500		
Oakdale	57	53	49	4						2								4,384	29,141	29,141	12,910	2,600	6,006	7,161	28,877	4,848							12,700		
Ogemaw	27	28	20	8	2					1	1							351	20,358	20,358	15,824	200	654	3,886	20,564	145	7,928	17,000							
Orlando	121	120	82	38	21	7	3	9	19	22	8	4	11	45	7	6	100	90	No	5,225	77,233	77,233	22,500	5,400	6,394	44,122	78,418	4,042	22,028	23,650					
Second Indianapolis	154	128	90	38	21	7	3	9	19	22	8	4	11	45	7	6	100	90	No	5,225	77,233	77,233	22,500	5,400	6,394	44,122	78,418	4,042	22,028	23,650					
Selma	74	71	58	13						0	3							3,549	23,505	23,505				1,872	18,227	20,089	6,955							15,334	
Southfield	38	39	33	6					1									42,878	31,656	31,656	18,583	3,485	11,615	318	34,001	40,535							19,860		
Southside Indianapolis	61	71	45	26						15		5						39,368	48,271	48,271	21,185	1,000	1,898	58,292	82,385	5,252									
Sparta	44	48	36	12						6	1							35,821	40,622	40,622	16,500	6,000	3,026	9,993	35,519	40,824								16,160	
W. Lafayette	76	72	59	13						1	13	17	7	11	3			885	2,060	50,870	52,930	28,377	1,320	11,455	12,966	52,121	1,494							19,503	
Chicago MS	8	7	5	2						1		2						31,578	9,236	9,236				317	1,256	39,241									
Ministerial Members On Presbytery's Roll	22	21	21																																
	0	7	2	5					7																										
TOTALS	881	901	685	216	28	53	13	47	21	15	129	10	47	21	9	22	109	49	46	732	570	25	7	196,859	11,341	829,715	541,059	228,358	40,636	57,988	221,807	546,789	180,129	76,492	213,833

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY	DECEMBER 31, 1982 MEMBERSHIP																1982 FINANCES																			
	INCREASE								DECREASE								AVERAGE ATTENDANCE				RECEIPTS				DISBURSEMENTS											
	Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof.	Baptized Chd. / Prof. of Faith	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Final Removal	Other	Total	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R.P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-82	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1983									
CONGREGATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
Allegheny	50	55	50	5	1	6			7	2					2	4	62	38	39,444	39,444	19,075	2,233	2,906	14,893	39,107	519	32,961									
College Hill	209	209	147	62	4	7	1		10	3	3	3			9	11	15	220	120	140	10	Yes														
Covenant Fellowship	128	164	115	49		13	8	5	15	41		2	1		3	7	150	140	66,089	66,089	25,668	7,015	7,440	30,508	60,631	3,834										
Eastvale	78	84	66	18	1	2	8		11	1	2	2			5	5	7	60	45	8	Yes															
Beaver Falls	145	129	104	25	2				2	1	8	4	5		18	7	9	81	44	Yes																
Geneva	137	160	130	30	2				8	1	2	2			5	11	9	185	93	12	No															
Manchester	65	63	46	17					2	1	3	1	4		5	3	3	36	28	Yes																
New Alexandria	98	75	55	20	3				3	3		3			23	26	2	45	30	9	Yes															
New Castle	24	24	22	2	1				2	1					1	2	4	3	17	12	No															
North Hill	104	69	30						4						4	6	10	3	5	65	40	8	No													
Rimersburg	79	78	53	25					1		1				1	6	7	60	48	6	Yes															
Rose Point	88	87	71	16											2		2	35	35	No																
State College MS	22	35	24	11	3	3			9	15																										
Tusaca Area	40	43	23	20	1	1	1		2	4	1				1	3	1	39	32	8	No															
Union MS	23	22	22						1		1						1	10																		
Ministerial Members	31	34	34																																	
On Presbytery's Roll	16	15	15										1																							
TOTALS	1,354,375	1,045,330	7	34	15	32	26	7	114	12	26	20	10	25	93	70	69	1,101	728	70	7															

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JAPAN COMMISSION PRESBYTERY	DECEMBER 31, 1982 MEMBERSHIP														AVERAGE ATTENDANCE			1982 FINANCES																	
	INCREASE							DECREASE							Parsonage	C. Y. P. U.	Sabbath School	Worship	RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS													
	Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof.	Baptized Chd. / Prof. of Faith	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Final Removal					Other	Total	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R.P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements										
CONGREGATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Higashimura	63	68	49	19	8					8	2				1		3	3	3	55	30	7	Yes	371	24,182	24,182	17,021			1,213	6,078	24,313	40	18,382	
Kasumigaoka	44	45	27	18	1					1							0	1	1	27	20	2	Yes	652	11,866	11,866	7,574		485	4,459	12,518	12,004	8,170		
Ketsuku	66	63	37	26	1	1				2		5					5	1	2	17	5	Yes	332	14,286	14,286	9,251		768	4,601	14,818	6,286	9,728			
Kitazurandai MS																				13	24		Yes	4,285	574	2,443	3,017		5,598	5,598	1,717	4,051			
Mukonose MS	3	9	6	3		1	5			6							0			17	25	7	Yes	50	574	5,199	5,773		5,298	5,298	525				
Ministerial Members On Presbytery's Roll	3	3	3																																
TOTALS	179	168	122	66	0	10	2	5	0	0	17	2	5	0	1	0	8	5	6	142	116	21	5	5,473	1,148	57,976	59,124	33,846		2,464	26,005	62,315	2,282	22,981	36,280

PRESBYTERIES	DECEMBER 31, 1982 MEMBERSHIP												1982 FINANCES																																																						
	INCREASE						DECREASE						ATTENDANCE					RECEIPTS					DISBURSEMENTS																																												
	Total Membership						Total						Worship					Supplemental Aid From Presbytery					Total Receipts					Pastor's Salary					Synod's Budget					Other R. P. Works					Other					Total Disbursements					Cash Balance 12-31-82					Other Assets					Pastor's Salary 1983				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35																																
CONGREGATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35																																
Iowa	331	328	247	79	1	5	4	2		3	14	1	0	5	13		19	20	9	177	76	15	2	5,143	85,331	95,331	53,095	9,034	6,559	29,455	95,473	5,001	26,648	48,524																																	
Midwest	1,201	1,211	939	278	3	23	17	23	3	3	69	11	15	14	11	2	53	76	74	944	687	50	8	79,413	22,893	659,082	681,946	232,031	65,153	49,046	261,358	657,588	103,770	86,472	269,030																																
New York	388	422	331	91	7	23	33	6	1	63	5	7	6	4	29	24	20	264						7,552	15,000	231,557	249,557	96,740	19,016	27,951	83,265	225,972	26,117	324,515	70,000																																
Ohio-Illinois	881	901	685	216	28	33	13	47	21	15	129	10	47	21	9	22	109	49	46	732	570	25	7	195,659	11,341	539,718	541,058	296,358	40,636	57,988	221,807	546,759	190,128	76,492	213,833																																
Pacific Coast	448	438	312	127	5	15	6	7	6	7	41	3	7	4	27	7	48	16	24	361	266			2	36,444	17,000	246,466	263,468	137,010	19,096	24,975	101,878	279,890	19,950	210,739	140,511																															
Pittsburgh	1,354	1,375	1,045	330	7	34	15	32	28	7	114	12	26	20	10	35	93	70	69	1,101	728	70	7	38,440	19,381	630,454	650,448	215,173	56,137	76,914	253,234	601,458	85,427	541,334	247,054																																
St. Lawrence	342	368	282	86	5	17	11	10	3	41	2	12				1	15	23	20	362	245	14	5	32,311	31,516	237,963	269,478	127,322	14,215	14,803	113,867	270,207	31,583	43,396	128,375																																
Total Home Field	4,945	4,943	3,411	207	56	150	99	127	60	35	471	44	114	71	76	61	366	278	262	3,941	2,748	192	35	393,142	117,721	2,630,656	2,748,252	1,147,729	216,287	258,536	1,054,695	2,677,447	463,977	1,291,597	1,115,927																																
Japan Commission																																																																			
Ministerial Members On Presbytery's Roll																																																																			
TOTALS	5,123	5,283	3,951	1,273	56	160	101	132	60	35	488	46	119	71	77	61	374	283	268	4,083	2,864	213	40	398,615	118,869	2,688,537	2,807,406	1,181,575	216,287	261,000	1,084,900	2,739,762	466,259	1,314,578	1,152,207																																

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